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Loyola senior Linton Hinds goes up for a lay-up during the men's basketball game last Sunday against Manhattan College, who won a first round NCAA tournament game against Florida last season. This was Loyola's third conference win of the season.

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SGA President's party investigated

By PETE DAVIS
EDITOR IN CHIEF AND
CHRISTINA SANTUCCI
MANAGING EDITOR

The Office of Student Life is currently looking into an incident that occurred on Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005 involving SGA President Kelly Crossett. The incident in question involved a party held in Crossett's room in Avila Hall for her 21st birthday, where underage persons were allegedly in attendance and consuming alcohol.

When approached for an interview or comment, Crossett said she wished to defer any comment to a later date.

A source in Student Life

acknowledged that they are looking into the incident, but could not comment on specifics of the investigation.

Allegedly more than 75 people were at the party, and the amount of alcohol present was allegedly more than 20 30 packs of beer. In addition, attendants were allegedly charged \$5 at the door when entering the room, according to sources at the party who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Three RAs visited the party while making their rounds that night and told the residents of the room that the noise level was too high and cleared most parties from the room. The RAs did not write up any person in attendance at the

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Loyolapalooza bands announced by SGA

■ Fall concert will not be replaced in spring; may be replaced by outdoor series

By MARY SCOTT
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Student Government Association announced that Straylight Run and Chris Carraba of Dashboard Confessional will be performing at Loyolapalooza on May 1, and the SGA will not have a spring concert to replace the fall concert that did not take place.

Straylight Run recently won yahoo.com's "Who's Next" contest, and has been receiving a major publicity push, including air



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Chris Carraba performs with Dashboard Confessional in New Jersey last June.

time on MTV U. Carraba, already an established artist with Dashboard Confessional, will be doing a solo acoustical act.

"Straylight Run is really coming up real quick ... Dashboard is a well established band ... these two bands have such enormous talent, to see these bands at Loyolapalooza is such a perfect fit," said Bryan Vastano, director of social affairs for the SGA.

The two bands were chosen by the SGA in part because of their genre. In the past, Loyolapalooza

bands have been chosen mainly on budget.

According to Vastano, these two bands were looked at because they were high-energy acts that are currently on tour and could be in the Baltimore area around the time of Loyolapalooza.

"There were a lot of bands that fit in with Loyola and Loyolapalooza in general. There's some acts better suited for Reitz Arena and others for outdoors. These were the best fit for an outdoor concert at Loyola," said

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Parker to assume ALANA position

By CAROLYN MONETTE
STAFF WRITER

The search for a new ALANA Services director has ended with the appointment of Rodney Parker of the Center for Values and Service. He is slated to take over the position on Feb. 14.

"The search process was spanned over a couple months. There were a number of very good applicants. But we had particularly good internal applicants for the position," said Xavier Cole, assistant to the dean of students, who has served as interim ALANA director since the previous director, Jonathan Hopkins, left this past June.

Cole was also the chair of the search for a new director of ALANA Services.

"I think Rodney Parker brings a wealth of experience," Cole said, citing Parker's experience with student training and development during his time in the Center for

Values and Service and his background in theology and divinity services.

Parker already has experience working with Loyola students. He has worked in the Center for Values and Service for the last two and a half years as assistant director for student staff development. While there, he helped with the supervision of student coordinators and assisted in their

training.

He also helped coordinate annual programs, such as Presence for Christmas.

"As an ALANA student in my undergraduate experience, I became aware of some of the challenges or even obstacles that ALANA students face. I realized how important it was for me to have those mentoring

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Rodney Parker (left), pictured with several of Loyola's student leaders, will assume the position of ALANA director on Feb. 14.



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Straylight Run, formed from several former members of the band Taking Back Sunday, also includes brother and sister pair John and Michelle Nolan.

Presidential search committee formed

By PETE DAVIS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The board of trustees announced last Tuesday the 12 members who will serve on the search committee in charge of finding potential candidates to be Loyola's next president.

The presidential search committee has six members of the board of trustees, three faculty members and one student, administrator and staff member. Edward Hanway, vice president of

the board of trustees, will chair the committee.

The committee's charge will be "to present qualified Jesuit candidates for consideration by the board of trustees," John Cochran, chairman of the board of trustees, wrote in an e-mail sent out to the Loyola community last Tuesday.

"The executive committee of the board took the recommendation from the deans in terms of the faculty, and then the executive

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Gonzales becomes first Hispanic attorney general

By FRANK DAVIES
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON The Senate confirmed Alberto Gonzales as the first Hispanic attorney general Thursday, ending a bitter three-day debate that focused on his controversial role in pushing the legal limits on the treatment of prisoners.

The Senate voted 60-36 to confirm Gonzales. President Bush's longtime friend and White House counsel, to succeed John Ashcroft as attorney general.

Vice President Dick Cheney swore Gonzales in shortly before 6 p.m. at the White House.

The 35 Democrats and one independent who opposed Gonzales exceeded the 13 who opposed Condoleezza Rice for secretary of state. Four years ago, 42 Democrats opposed Ashcroft for attorney general.

Six Democrats voted for Gonzales, and he had the unanimous support of Republicans.

Republican leaders called Gonzales a highly qualified nominee who renounced torture and became an unfair target of Democrats who oppose Bush's policies.

"He is a total professional with a high regard for the law, and he has been subjected to groundless criticism," Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said before the vote.

Democrats said Gonzales made serious mistakes that led to abuse of prisoners at U.S.-run detention facilities in Afghanistan, Cuba and Iraq.

They also said he evaded questions during his confirmation hearing and lacked the independence ever to disagree with the

president.

"It's hard to be a straight shooter when you're a blind loyalist," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

Democrats criticized Gonzales for key legal advice he gave to Bush, including

holding U.S. citizens as enemy combatants without access to lawyers and declaring that the prison camp at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was outside the reach of U.S. courts.

Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., who voted

Several Republicans suggested that Democrats risked a backlash for opposing the first Hispanic named to a top Cabinet position.

"Every Hispanic-American is watching," warned Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

Gonzales, 49, grew up in Humble, Texas, the son of Mexican-American migrant workers. He became a top corporate lawyer and Bush's chief counsel when Bush was Texas' governor. He also served on the Texas Supreme Court.

One Democrat who voted for Gonzales, Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, cited his own experience "breaking barriers" as the first Jewish member of a major-party presidential ticket when he ran with Al Gore in 2000.

"I have some sensitivity to this," Lieberman said. "The fact that he is the first Hispanic is not a reason to vote for him, but it gives me an extra measure of encouragement about the kind of attorney general he will be."

Sen. Ken Salazar of Colorado, the Senate's only Hispanic Democrat, voted for Gonzales but chastised Republicans "for playing the race card."

"Let's not use this vote to divide the nation," he said.

Several Democrats said their vote was one of principle, not politics.

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., recalled that his father, former Sen. Thomas Dodd, was executive trial counsel at the war-crimes trials of Nazi leaders after World War II.

"Many at that time called not for due process of law, but summary executions," Dodd recalled. "But even these most despicable and depraved human beings were given an opportunity to retain counsel and testify in their own defense."

Dodd added: "The world learned that this nation will not tailor its eternal principles to the conflict of the moment."

The six Democrats who voted for Gonzales are Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, Ken Salazar of Colorado, Mary Landrieu of Louisiana, Bill Nelson of Florida, Ben Nelson of Nebraska and Mark Pryor of Arkansas.



CHUCK KENNEDY/KRT

White House Counsel Alberto Gonzales, left, joins President George W. Bush, right, in a statement to the media after being nominated to fill the spot of U.S. Attorney General, replacing John Ashcroft.

scaling back Geneva Convention protections for detainees, deciding that some anti-torture laws don't apply to foreigners held overseas and asserting that a president can override U.S. laws and authorize torture in "unusual circumstances".

They noted that the Supreme Court had struck down Gonzales' recommendations on

against Gonzales, reminded colleagues that he voted for Ashcroft and Rice, despite major policy differences.

"But John Ashcroft said he was unequivocal in enforcing laws he disagreed with, while Alberto Gonzales is saying that the president can be above the law," Feingold said.

Republicans said Democrats used Gonzales' confirmation to attack Bush's policies and lay the groundwork for opposition if Gonzales is ever appointed to the Supreme Court.

"He has been charged with monstrous offenses," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., the chairman of the Judiciary Committee. "His opponents are blaming him inappropriately for what happened at Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo."

Young to be interim V.P.

Dr. Anne Young, a tenured professor of mathematical sciences, was appointed interim vice president for academic affairs by the college's interim vice president, David Haddad.

Haddad, the former vice president for academic affairs, was appointed to his current capacity following the passing of the Rev. Harold Ridley, S.J.

Young has served as the associate vice president of Academic Affairs since 2000; she has worked for the school since 1986. She will hold the interim position until a new president is found.

Comedy competition to be held

This Friday at 8 p.m., Upper Primo's will be home to a number of aspiring comedians as Student Activities hosts a "Last Comic Standing"-style event, with groups and solo comedians competing for a top prize of \$200.

Student Activities is still looking for comedians, judges and an emcee to host the event. The time limit for a comedy act is 10 minutes. Interested students can sign up in the office of Student Activities or call x5388.

Women in Sports day celebrated

On Saturday, Loyola will host elementary and middle school students and their families to commemorate National Girls and Women in Sports Day, which is tomorrow.

The students will be invited to school for scavenger hunts, poster decoration and face painting. The students will receive a T-shirt, poster and admission to the Loyola/Marist women's basketball game.

The day was chartered in 1986 to honor female athletic achievement and recognize the importance of sports and fitness for all girls and women. This year's theme is "More than a Game."

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Selected excerpts from reports

Tuesday, Feb. 1

Campus police reported to the FAC. A student stated that she parked her vehicle there from Jan. 18 through Jan. 28. When she returned to the FAC she began to clean the snow off her vehicle to drive home. While cleaning she noticed marks on the passenger side front. She believed that someone keyed her vehicle.

Campus police responded to meet a Sodexo employee regarding a stolen vehicle. Upon conferring with the complainant and a BCPD officer it was learned that the vehicle had been impounded by Baltimore City tow truck for an undisclosed nature and taken to the city impound lot.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

Campus police responded to Hammerman Hall. They seized: one bottle of Captain Morgan that was 1/5 full; two bottles of Smirnoff Vodka that were 1/5 full; one 1 plastic baggie with green-brown leafy substance, which was suspected marijuana.

Friday, Feb. 4

Campus police responded to the Charles Street side of Lange Court in reference to a suspicious person looking in the windows of vehicles parked along the south bound side of Charles Street. A check of the area as well as Coldspring Lane and the west side of campus turned up nothing. A check of the vehicles in the area showed nothing unusual.

- Compiled by Mary Scott



ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/ GREYHOUND

Sophomores Lauren Kellagher, Tori Rose and Lauren O'Connell (l-r) examine plastic recycling products during a presentation by a variety of school organizations that are involved with recycling, including Sodexo and Roots and Shoots.

Communication split into two departments

By KRISTEN REIDER
STAFF WRITER

As of Jan. 1, 2005, what has been known as the communication department will be officially reorganized into two departments, communication and writing. The changes made will not disrupt classes for students that are already within these departments.

Dr. Ron Tanner, former chair of the communication department, will now serve as the chair of the writing department, and Dr. Elliot King will assume the title of interim chair of the communication department. According to Tanner, a national search will be conducted to find a permanent chair for the department.

"I think it will better serve both communities; it was very unusual the arrangement we had before," King said.

Tanner said that the decision to divide the department was based on the number of majors, which has doubled in the past decade. Although the communication department has a large number of students, they are currently looking for new faculty to better serve these students, since most

of the faculty previously in the department were moved to the writing department.

In addition to looking for a new chair, the communication department is looking for a new video production professor.

"Right now in the department, there are only three tenure and tenure-track faculty members. [When we find a chair and a video professor], we will have five; that's not enough for 400 majors," King said.

"The communication major grew very large in a very short period of time; as a result, the department became very difficult to manage. Two separate departments allow the faculty to better teach and mentor students, and the separation will allow the college to better manage the resources that these departments need," Tanner said.

In addition to both departments having their own chairpersons, the writing department will now teach writing courses and support the writing major, formerly known as the "writing specialization" in communication, as well as the interdisciplinary writing major.

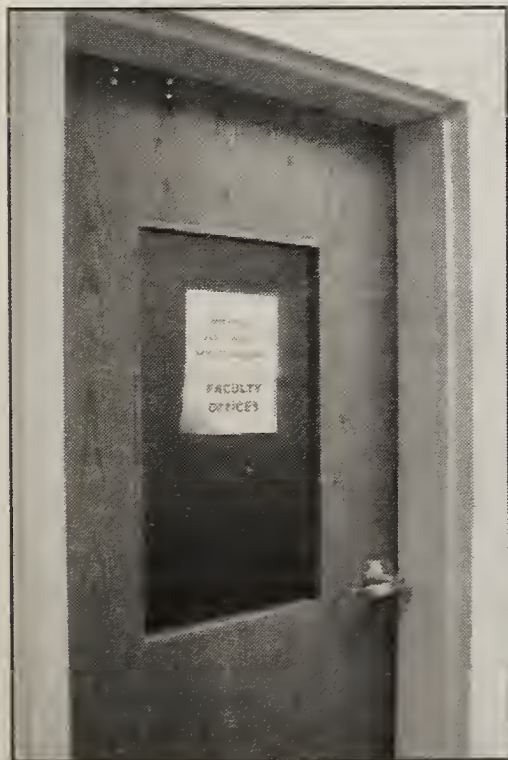
"In general writing programs ... are not housed in communication departments. The needs of both will be better served with this new arrangement," King said.

"Communication will teach 'media' courses and support communication majors with its specializations: journalism, public relations, digital media and advertising," Tanner said.

In a letter sent to majors over Christmas break, the department stressed that regardless of these modifications, students' course requirements and professors will remain unchanged.

The letter states that: "It is the hope of both the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and the department of communication that this reorganization will maximize the strengths of both disciplines and result in greater flexibility and more options for students."

Although Tanner acknowledges the stress associated with times of transition, regardless of the positive nature of the change, he said that his aim is "to help faculty and students communicate well with one another during the transition so that its beneficial effects are maximized."



CHRISTINA SANTUCCI/ GREYHOUND

The communication department has yet to finish the move to the former speech pathology offices in Newman West.

Repercussions not known

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party or anyone from the room who hosted the party, according to multiple sources.

"Everyone is authorized to have a party if you're over 21 as long as you don't violate the excessive use that's in the rules," said Public Safety Director Tim Fox.

Campus police said that no report was made for the party that night.

"We didn't have any [incident complaints]. We did our normal three to four to five rotations through that area and nothing jumped out at them," Fox said. "If there would have been a call from an RA to an officer we definitely would have responded, and jointly we usually go to that door and go into together."

Fox said that campus police officers make rounds separately, both on the interior and perimeter of campus buildings, and would accompany any RA requesting assistance.

Fox also responded to questioning that the permission was granted by campus police for the party to take place.

"We are aware that someone was going to have a party there. They did not receive any special permission by my officers to have a party; we can't do that anyways," he said. "I talked to Lt. [Jamie] Cheatem, and he remembers talking to one of the persons that said that they were going to have an event on Thursday night at the basketball game." However, Fox reiterated that this comment was made in passing and

did not constitute any special permission.

Since there was no documentation of the alleged incident, it has not been determined what the ramifications, if any, will be.

According to the Community Standards Handbook, "A person may not furnish any alcoholic beverage to another person if 1) The person furnishing the beverage knows that the person is under 21 years of age; and 2) The alcoholic beverage if furnished

for the purpose of consumption by the person under 21 years of age" (Md. Ann. Code, article 27, Sec. 401A).

In addition, charging a fee when hosting parties has a standard sanction of deferred residence hall suspension, a \$200 fine and a referral for alcohol education, according to the handbook.

"Students found responsible for hosting a disorderly gathering will be charged with a 'social host' violation," states the handbook.

Director of Student Activities Mark Broderick said he could not comment on any pending student issue.

According to Article IV, Section I of the SGA Constitution, "Any representative elected or appointed to the Executive Cabinet, the Assembly or the Constitutional Council can be accused on the basis of misconduct, failure to execute duties, violation of college regulations and/or abuse of power."

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— Director of Public Safety Tim Fox

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Uniprint system decreases printer use

BY JOHN DOUGHERTY
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Technology Services has found that the Uniprint system -- installed in computer labs last semester to track the amount that each student is printing out in the labs -- have decreased printing among students by about 30 percent.

Despite rumors that the school is planning on using the system to charge for printing, the devices -- which require that you swipe your Evergreen card to release a print job -- are used merely for tracking purposes. Although the school is debating what to do with the information, there are currently no plans to institute a fee.

"Of course they're going to charge, it's Loyola," junior Alexis Turro said. She said that she recently returned from abroad, and at first thought that she was being charged to print. The balance of a student's Evergreen card shows up on the screen when they release a print job.

According to Tom Podles, computing services director for Technology Services, the information gathered through Uniprint has allowed his department to track which students are doing the most printing and the sizes of their print jobs, rather than just the amount of printing done.

"I could get data before, but I'd never be able to tell who the students were or how many pages they printed," he said.

Podles said that the printing being done before was unevenly distributed among the students. When the system was first

installed, six percent of the students did about 30 percent of the printing.

Out of the 2,210 students who used the system on the average month last semester, four students printed over 1,000 pages of paper, and 130 people printed over 300, including a single print job of 350 pages.

"The question is what's fair use, what's legitimate use. That is someone else's decision to make; my job is just to collect the numbers," Podles said.

Since then, the numbers have evened out. In January, there were 1,497 students who used the printers; only 34 printed over 300 pages.

The current highest single use for this semester was a student who printed out 905 pages in January; this same student had previously printed out about 1,100 pages.

The system doesn't allow Technology Services to see what the students are printing, only how much is printed. Information on specific students is not recorded until they swipe their card.

"I'm only interested in what they're printing if there's abuse," Podles said. "Students hear about this and say, 'Big Brother's watching us.' No, we're protecting the innocent."

"I know that somewhere in there it says how many pages I'm printing," said Turro as she used the printer.

Podles said that many students have been printing more because more teachers are putting course information online.

This has led to a decrease in toner and paper use, meaning that the printers in the labs are available more often. It has also served as a form of what Podles calls "pre-



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Sophomore Megan McGlynn said, "The new printing system is good because it saves a lot of paper -- especially when the printers get jammed."

recycling" because less paper is wasted in the labs.

"It saves a lot of paper, especially when the printers get jammed," said sophomore Megan McGlynn.

Podles said that previously, paper was so overused that an entire box of wasted paper could be collected in the labs every day.

Turro said that the new system is more inconvenient than anything else and has not decreased her printer use.

"When they start charging me, then I'll stop [printing]," she said.

"Somebody's paying the piper, and ultimately it's the students, whether through

increased tuition or other costs," he said.

Podles said that because the computer labs are easily accessible, sometimes it wasn't just students who were printing.

"We offer free printing to students, but also pretty much to the world ... now you need a valid ID card to print," he said.

During the first week of school, printers in the residence halls were out of order. Some of the problems were related to the Uniprint system, but the majority was due to problems within the computers themselves.

They have since been fixed, and Technology Services doesn't expect there to be any more problems.

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Outdoor concert series considered

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Blair Puscas, SGA vice president.

Bids for the two acts were placed by Mark Broderick, director of Student Activities, shortly after New Year's, and the bands confirmed around the Jan. 20 deadline.

The bands, which were the SGA's first choice for Loyolapalooza, agreed to come here after a bidding war between Loyola and Rutgers University for the same weekend.

"We actually stole the show from Rutgers. I'm really excited that we pretty much stole the show from a school 10 times our size," Vastano said.

The decision to not have a spring concert to replace the fall concert that never occurred, was made in part because of a lack of availability of Reitz Arena.

"If Reitz Arena happens to open up we are definitely on the lookout," Vastano said. "I can't take responsibility for what happened to the fall concert ... different people have been talking about the outdoor concert series; I'm really open to any student initiatives that they want to do."

The SGA and Social Affairs Committee have discussed doing an outdoor concert series this semester. The series is still in discussion, and no decision has been finalized yet. However, the hope is to hold a few outdoor

concerts during Friday afternoons on the quad when the weather is warmer.

The bands that the SGA hopes would come to the outdoor concert series would be "up and coming but lesser-known bands," Puscas said.

"I'd like to discover some new bands and bring them down here; Loyola kids are pretty much ready for any kind of genre or style," Vastano said.

One possible band already being mentioned for the series is Fools & Horses, a popular Baltimore-based band.

The money which would have been used for the fall concert

remains in the SGA's account for future use.

However the surplus of funds is not large because concert revenues from ticket sales usually allow the SGA to break even in expenses.

"The budget is still in my hands," Vastano said. "We're still trying to get it worked out; I'd like to try to get maybe a celebrity judge to Battle of the Bands or try to blow up Loyolapalooza bigger."

"I think that the bands we ultimately went with were a great fit for the school and a great fit for the outdoor event. We couldn't be happier with the outcome," Puscas said.



CHELSEA HADDAWAY/ GREYHOUND

Last month, Straylight Run came to Washington, D.C.'s 9:30 Club, playing a show with Something Corporate.

Planning to begin this week

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committee of the board, with some suggestions from the executive council of the college, determined who in fact would be on the search committee," said Terry Sawyer, vice president of administration. Sawyer will serve as the secretary of the search committee, but not actually sit on the committee.

Once the committee meets, it will determine the factors for determining the next president.

"One of the tasks that we will have will be to establish a criteria for what attributes the next president should have relative to the needs of Loyola College," Sawyer said.

The search committee is composed of trustee members: Sister Karen McNally, Edward Burchell, Rev. Gerard Reedy, S.J., Mary Knott and Mark Baida, faculty members, Rev. Kevin Gillespie, S.J., Claire Matthews McGinnis, Lisa Fairchild, administrator Donelda Cook, staff member Jean Proctor and SGA president Kelly Crossett.

"You obviously want to have an equal and appropriate representation of the different constituencies on campus, but at the same time you don't want it to be such a large group that it is unmanageable," Sawyer said.

The committee expects to have their first meeting the week of Feb. 14 to determine what their schedule will be for the future. Its role will be to review applications, interview potential candidates and narrow down the number of candidates before passing over

their findings to the board of trustees, who will ultimately select the next president.

"It's very much a dynamic process and we will essentially have to create a course of action as we move along depending on what the search yields," Sawyer said.

There are not any specific timetables in place for the committee to conclude its search, because at this time, it is not clear how many candidates will emerge

for the position. The college hopes that a number of candidates will express interest in the position. However, since conducting a search for a new president is not one that happens often, the committee will make adjustments.

"It's not a typical process and it's not a process that you go through often so you don't really have a lot of good predictors or indicators of how soon candidates will make themselves known," Sawyer said.



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On Sunday's College Day, prospective students, including Kayleigh Fraraccio and Toni Janik (second from right and right), were given tours of the campus that highlighted Loyola's academics, dorms, community and recreational sports.

Parker to promote cultural education

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relationships with faculty, administrators and staff. When I got to Loyola, I wanted to give back, so I decided to mentor ALANA students in addition to my job at Center for Values and Service," Parker said.

Working in the Center for Values and Service introduced Parker to the Loyola community, and he said he is happy he will be able to continue working with the community in this new capacity.

As ALANA director, Parker said he will continue to work with and serve ALANA students, aiding them in their college experience any way he can.

His immediate plan is to help transition students to having a new director. He will also create the position of assistant director of ALANA Services, something ALANA has not yet had, he said.

An important aspect of Parker's plans as ALANA director is the

promotion of multicultural education, which he says is "vitally important for any campus." Parker envisions the St. Peter Claver, S.J., Multicultural Center as a place for all Loyola students to gather and learn about other cultures.

Parker plans to create other groups on campus, related not only to race but also to culture. He also said he wants to promote an environment at Loyola where all cultures are recognized and celebrated.

Aside from these specific goals, Parker plans to see how the existing programs work this semester, and he plans to add additional programs in the future if they seem to be beneficial.

"He possesses a great deal of passion around issues and concerns that are important or relevant to students of color on Loyola's campus ... We look forward to his start," Cole said.

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—THE GREYHOUND EDITORIAL— Misleading by example

During the past week, *The Greyhound* became aware of an incident involving current SGA President Kelly Crossett on Saturday night, Jan. 29. Crossett allegedly hosted a party in her room for her 21st birthday in which there was an excessive amount of alcohol, many underage students in attendance and a \$5 charge at the door. While some may question whether this is a news story, this editorial board unanimously agreed that as the news source for the Loyola College community, this issue warranted reporting in a timely and appropriate fashion.

For the most part, *The Greyhound* has enjoyed a professional and courteous relationship with Crossett this year, and we credit her for being forthcoming and available for interviews throughout the semester. We recognize the long hours she has put in during her presidency and applaud her for accomplishments such as thefacebook.com and most recently, the Loyolapalooza bands and music downloading.

However, for the highest-elected student official on this campus, the person who represents the voice of the entire student body on many important issues, including serving as the only student representative on the presidential search committee, higher ethical standards need to apply. While some may argue that this is not outrageous behavior for a college student to indulge in, it is obvious to us that Crossett, by her position, is not the typical college student. By running for SGA president, she knew that the importance of her position brought certain expectations, and this behavior does not reflect such a recognition.

We are not saying Crossett is the only person in the wrong in this situation. We are still unclear why the RAs who visited the room while the party was going on decided not write anyone up or document the issue. The underage students who attended the party and paid a cover charge at the door are not completely innocent either.

Details surrounding the incident are still emerging, and it is unclear at this time what, if any, repercussions will occur. The first few weeks of this semester have been unlike one that this college has ever seen with the deaths of Fr. Ridley, Fr. Hartley and Dr. Varga. During this difficult time, the student body and college needed its top elected student leader to serve as a model of strength, consistency and support, but the actions that Saturday night do not resemble any of these values.

■Iraqis rock the historic vote



Music, compassion united students with Fr. Hartley

When I was a sophomore, one of my friends, Alex, gave me a CD. He said one of the Jesuits here at Loyola had given it to him. It was an African Jazz CD called "Akata Meso" by D'Gary, a great guitar player from Madagascar. In shock and excitement, I listened to the exceptional CD. Who knew that this would lead to my first encounter with Fr. Greg Hartley?

I met Fr. Hartley in my junior year. After my friends and I had told African stories during a coffee house, Fr. Hartley walked up to me

and introduced himself. Within a few minutes of conversation, I realized that he was the one who had given Alex the CD. He later asked me for my contact information because he wanted the African Jesuits at Ignatius House to get in touch with the African students on campus. True to his word, I got a call two days later from Fr. Nsibu Tona of Congo.

The African Students Union has lost one of its greatest fans. Fr. Hartley made an effort to remember the respective countries we come

from, as well as our difficult names. He always showed an interest in getting to know us, whether it was by inviting us to his favorite jazz club or finding out what our plans would be after graduation. And who can forget his contagious smile? Fr. Greg, we miss you immensely.

Irene Sengendo
Class of 2005

Everyone who knew Fr. Greg Hartley probably has a favorite story about him, but there are almost too many to tell about a man I knew to be a wonderful spiritual advisor and friend.

Like the time my roommates and I were planning a paintball outing, and Fr. Hartley expressed genuine interest in joining us out on the fields. Though he didn't end up going, we were worried for over a week that he might not know what he was getting into.

Or when Fr. Hartley, driving me and two other students to a Baltimore Orioles game, couldn't

wait to share tapes of the music (mostly jazz and classical music, but some tapes with Bush and Alanis Morissette songs) that he had recorded off satellite TV.

Then there were the many times that Fr. Hartley just couldn't remember my name. I was alternately Pat, Tim or Jim, though by my senior year, it was always "Hello Dave! How are you?" accompanied by a warm smile.

Still, Fr. Hartley was thoughtful enough to call me one day my freshman year after I wrote an opinion piece in *The Greyhound* - long before we had ever met in

person -- so that he could talk to me about the labor and fair trade issues that were at the center of the article. He also went on retreats with my floormates and I several times and was a constant source of humor and spirit.

Above all, Fr. Hartley was a kind presence, a man who loved God and life and enriched the lives of those who were fortunate to know him. I and the rest of the Loyola community will certainly miss him.

Dave O'Brien
Class of 2002

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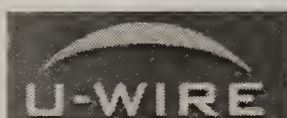
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- The commercials
- The halftime show

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Who will win the Super Bowl?

- Philadelphia Eagles (63%)
- New England Patriots (38%)

Officials should be held to higher standards

James Madison once said, "If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing

NICK BROWN

a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed and in the next place oblige it to control itself."

Madison recognized this over 200 years ago. Today, it seems, many people still haven't grasped it.

Politicians are human. They make mistakes. They do some good things -- and certainly some bad things -- and, like us, they fall somewhere between perfect and evil. We tend to idolize or demonize them, assuring ourselves that the ones we like have perfectly good explanations for everything they do and that the ones whose values we disagree with have selfish, ulterior motives behind each action.

This is not the case. Officeholders, much like members of Loyola's SGA, make mistakes. Some mistakes are excusable -- they do not affect the individual's ability to hold office or form policy; they merely reinforce the idea that the individual isn't perfect. Others are inexcusable -- by nature, they permeate and transcend circumstance to become lifestyles and affect every aspect of life to the point where the individual is

unfit for office.

Take the oft-debated comparison between Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. Clinton had an extramarital affair, while Bush had a past rich with drug abuse and lack of work ethic. Clinton used experience and pain to grow from a poor boy in a trailer park to the president of the United States. He engaged in sexual relations outside his marriage -- certainly not the first president to do so -- and lied about it, a mistake that he paid for in full, mostly in his private family life but also in reputation. Through it all, he

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— Nick Brown

continued to act as a leader, finding success in most aspects of political policy.

George W. Bush's mistakes are not so simple or one-dimensional. For years, his life was defined by addiction. He is a man who excelled or stood out at nothing, through high school, college and a career as a businessman. He never demonstrated any intellectual habits and had a propensity for cocaine and alcohol. Though he is now off those drugs, he remains "addicted" behaviorally. Spending most of his life

turning to drugs or rich parents for benefits has stunted his ability to learn the art of decisiveness or the skill of foresight, rendering him unfit for office. Unlike Clinton's mistakes, Bush's blunders are widespread and internal; they are not limited or even measured in quantity, for they are not separable acts. They are lifestyle choices that hinder his ability to lead.

Thus, all mistakes are not created equal. Recently, we have begun to hear and will likely continue to hear about mistakes made by our SGA president. Because these allegations are severe and similar to the ones that got Mike Sellitto removed from office before the start of last year, it is an understatement to say they will cause a buzz. When something causes a buzz, it usually causes judgment. Therefore, should the recent news become higher-profile in the near future, students and faculty may be tempted to judge the SGA president or even the entire SGA. To an extent, this is healthy. Circumstances such as these should certainly make any thoughtful Loyola student question the priorities of any SGA member, especially the president.

But are these infringements grave enough to constitute a total loss of respect or faith in our president? Let's be aware of and try to avoid the aforementioned natural tendency to demonize or idolize. If we do judge, let's do so rationally and fairly by looking at the facts.

The facts, to my knowledge, are these: So far this year, the SGA has squandered

the fall concert; brought a "free" music sharing system to campus -- incapable of burning to disc -- that cost all students some increases in the technology and communications fee. Even those (like myself) who cannot use the program (in my case it is because I have a Mac) will be charged. Now the SGA president has allegedly failed in her role as a leader. Other demerits are the firing of one member -- for reasons that seemed at least partially personal and not entirely business -- and the littering of the campus with posters and promotions, thus channeling our contact with the SGA through print rather than fostering familiarity through face-to-face promotions.

Thus, the question we ought to be asking is, "Does our SGA president's mistake render her unfit for office?" I can forgive the act itself -- this is college; things happen. Again, she is human, and we must not idolize or demonize any officeholder but regard them as fallible. If her actions render her unfit for office, however, we must act accordingly for the good of the community. In my opinion, her recent actions are the straw that broke the camel's back; the other criticisms being the above mentioned disappointments on the part of her cabinet, which of course reflect upon her for better or worse. The current SGA track record, coupled with the recent leadership failures on the part of the president, has convinced me that perhaps a change in SGA leadership would be appropriate.

Social Security, misdirection tops Bush's plan

Perhaps emboldened by the "success" of the recent Iraqi elections, President Bush began his State of the Union address last Wednesday night with energy and vigor, which persisted through his repetition of previously unfulfilled promises and vague

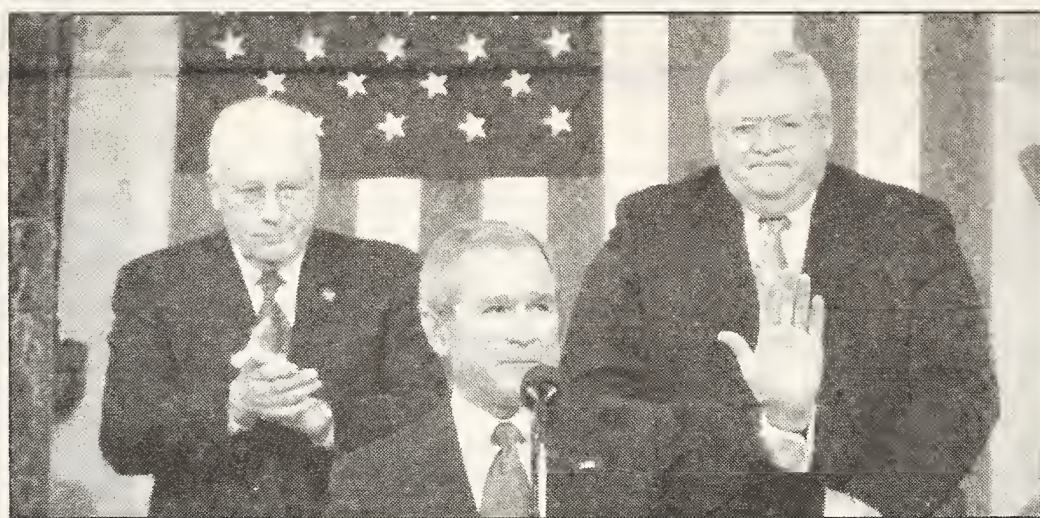
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statements regarding policy. The president did make some practical and maybe even beneficial remarks concerning the future, mostly in the domestic sphere, but they were for the most part overshadowed by his lack of specific details and devotion to dividing personal issues.

The president actually devoted a sizable portion of speech to domestic affairs, reiterating his plan to make tax cuts permanent and cut the deficit in half. But we have heard this from Bush before, and after four years he has still offered no details concerning this miraculous return to fiscal responsibility. Given the administration's previous disregard for the federal deficit and the continuing (and escalating) price of securing Iraq, there is no plausible reason to believe that the deficit can be reduced while sustaining permanent tax cuts.

Bush did briefly outline a plan to downgrade or eliminate federal programs and agencies that have proven to be unprofitable or inefficient, but the money saved from this plan is unlikely to make up for defense spending. The president also refrained from naming programs that were likely to be axed, shedding no light on the most affected sectors of government.

A main point in the president's speech was the future of Social Security, which the administration insists on labeling a crisis even though any problems arise far in the future and are easily foreseeable. The president failed to deliver any new details of his plan but did shed some light on possible flaws and complications that might arise from it. The Bush administration's plan, which centers around giving



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President George W. Bush acknowledges members of the armed forces during his State of the Union address.

taxpayers the option to invest part of their tax money in stock portfolios which can be likened to mutual funds, gives the government unprecedented power to funnel money into companies of their choosing. Bush did not explain how these stocks would be chosen or hint at any safeguards to prevent using the plan to appease special interests. Bush also mentioned the possibility of insuring the money taxpayers put into these stocks, but failed to account for the cost of such a plan.

Bush was correct in saying that the Social Security program was nearing trouble and that it is better to fix it sooner rather than later, but he failed to discuss alternative options to the problem, only briefly mentioning cutting off benefits from wealthy seniors who do not need them along with other possibilities which have obviously been given little if any thought.

Unable to refrain from touching dangerous social issues, Bush also made a point to reaffirm his support for an amendment "protecting" marriage, even though it has little support in Congress even among Republicans. The president used this issue to take an unnecessary cut at Senate Democrats who have filibustered his judicial nominees, saying that "Every judicial nominee deserves an up-or-down vote."

This is true, but the president's insistence on nominating anti-abortion judges has forced the Democrats to use the filibuster to voice their strong support of a woman's right to choose.

The president also used the gay marriage issue to voice his disapproval of so-called "activist judges" who have supported the right of homosexuals to marry. While lecturing Democrats on constitutional responsibility, Bush apparently has forgotten the responsibility of the higher courts, which is to ensure laws which violate the Constitution and overstep the boundaries of government are struck down. A true politician, Bush labels judges who do not share his conservative views as "activists" while praising other activist judges who just happen to agree with his beliefs.

Turning towards foreign policy, the president reiterated the main points of his inauguration speech, concentrating on extending freedom throughout the world, quite a lofty goal for a man who five years ago stated that America should not interfere in the affairs of foreign nations. Of course, given the actions taken by the administration to install a democracy by force in Iraq, the president has obviously changed his mind on this subject. Why then

would he make a statement in the middle of his speech declaring that, "The United States has no right, no desire and no intention to impose our form of government on anyone else?"

The end of tyranny and securing of freedom throughout the world is a noble proposition, however foolhardy and unadvisable it may be. The fact that Bush can not own up to the requirements of such a plan -- the installation of democratic governments in despotic states -- proves that he is either not serious about it or simply not strong enough to speak truthfully about how it must be done.

By arguing semantics and declaring Saddam Hussein to be the true occupier of Iraq and not the American military, the president is only trying to hide the truth from the American people, who must understand that military occupation is a necessary part of Bush's plan.

Focusing his attention on Iran as the largest state supporter of terrorism and a repressive state, Bush expressed American solidarity with the Iranian people in their struggle for freedom. He is right to do so. But if this support moves from ideological to material, a dangerous standard will have been set, making the exportation of American values and government part of foreign policy.

The Bush administration must realize that Iran is vastly different from Iraq or Afghanistan, and the people there do participate in elections, making reform possible, albeit slow. Bush would be wise to let the European Union work diplomatically with Iran to halt any nuclear weapons programs it may be running while focusing American resources on negotiating a peace between Israel and Palestine.

Bush ended his speech by proclaiming that, "The road of Providence is uneven and unpredictable -- yet we know where it leads: It leads to freedom." By focusing too much on his final destination and not the path ahead of him, it appears the president might have lost his way.

On the Quad

What did you think of Loyola College? Prospective Students

By CHRISTINA SANTUCCI



"Seems like a diverse crowd of people."
Monica Dreyer
Westfield, N.J.



"I love the dorm rooms."
Daniela Lancellotti
Lancaster, Pa.



"Awesome!"
Erin Whitham
Philadelphia, Pa.



"It's really pretty."
Kayleigh Fraraccio & Toni Janik
Johnston & Woonsocket, R.I.



"The auditorium speaker almost put me to sleep."
Roger Beasley
Baltimore, Md.

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Do you want to do "On the Quad?"
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Happy birthday to my old car

The year is 1985, a year of dominated by New Coke and Ronald Reagan, "The Cosby Show" and *Back to the Future*. Freshmen, you haven't been born yet. But my soon-to-be car has, and by soon, I mean 15 years.

MEGSUDANO



FROM SUCH SHORT HEIGHTS

My car (later to be nicknamed Beemo) wasn't always my own. No, driving at two would have been reckless. Instead, my uncle bought the car in '85, and I can still recall sitting in the back as a little girl, my legs fully outstretched and sneakers barely reaching the end of the seat. "As Tears for Fears" and "Simple Minds" played on the radio as "today's" music, I watched my uncle drive along, completely unaware that one day my feet would not only reach the floor (well, barely), but I would be pushing the pedals.

After some technical difficulties and my father's immaculate handiwork, Beemo was ready to go for me when I passed my road test. They say there's nothing quite like your first of anything, and finally having my own car fit that cliché perfectly. It became my key to freedom and adulthood, no longer needing my chauffeur parents to escort me around. It was my very own — quirks and all.

And yes, there have been many. The "Check" button blinks incessantly. It lies and tells me that I don't have coolant and that my brake lights are out. I need heavy bags of sand in the trunk to provide extra weight when I'm fishtailing in the snow. And what's with the thumping noise coming from the back? No worries. With the radio turned loud enough, it's simply added bass.

But alas, the radio deserves its own category. Back in '85, the cassette was still the primary means of music; so old Beemo lacks the CD player. Hey, no problem — they make adaptors for the technologically inept. Until the cassette player died. Hey, no problem — listening to the radio will help me catch up on pop singles and countdowns. Until the FM radio automatically switches to AM and gets stuck. And just when I think I've found an interesting talk radio station, it flips back. FM to AM, back to FM, back to AM. So instead, I am left driving in silence, accompanied only by the pulsing mysterious thumps coming from the trunk.

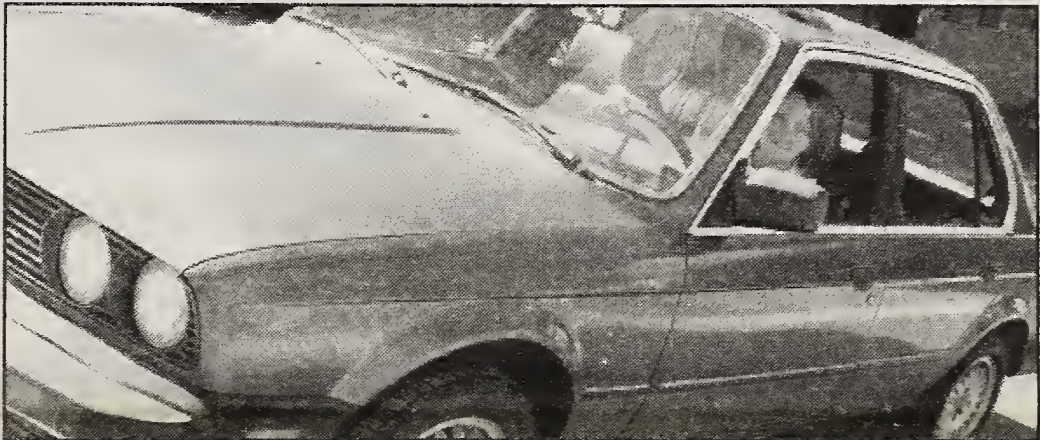
Despite the quirks, my car tries to put on a powerful front, probably getting intimidated by the other very new and very expensive cars in the Loyola parking lots. Unfortunately, Beemo's age becomes clear whenever I turn out of the lot and over the speed humps. The rattling and shaking gives me the impression that my car will one day fall apart with each bump, eventually leaving me in my seat with nothing but a steering wheel. Hopefully I'll be barefoot and wearing a Fred Flintstone costume for comedic effect.

And for more laughs, I'll just honk my horn. By definition, the car horn is meant to

alert other vehicles of potential dangers on the road. In real life, it is meant to display every obscene profanity to all those idiots who can't hear you. A forceful, powerful gesture — until it's coming from Beemo, in which case it is merely a wimpy squeal, a whiny beep. I honk, people laugh. And given the size of my hands, giving the finger is not an intimidating backup. How else can a 5-foot tall girl deal with road rage?

The list of oddities is endless, yet each quirk gives me a story that I am proud to retell. Old cars are bound to have flaws, but it's the little quirks that give it character. There are many cars out there, but none quite like my own. Someone once told me that they couldn't picture me driving any other car than my '85 BMW, and I took it as a complete compliment. I wouldn't want to be driving anything else either.

Someday, Beemo will have run its course, and since this is its 20th year of existence, I wouldn't be surprised if we were on the final lap. Someday, I will be forced to buy a (gulp) new car. But until then, you can find me rattling over speed humps, entertaining people with my horn, dancing to the bass beats of my trunk underneath the flashing engine check lights — and I'll be smiling the whole way.



CHRISTINA SANTUCCI/GREYHOUND

Meg takes a drive with Beemo on Sunday when temperatures hit almost 60 degrees.

Fun is not a four-letter word

This year's senior class has spent a turbulent four years at Loyola. Our college careers started with Sept. 11. America was at war for much of our sophomore and junior years. We watched the economy bottom out

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SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

and start to make a recovery. And we started our last semester at Loyola with three community losses right in row.

This has led to much introspection on the part of the student body. We've thought about loss and grief, patriotism and faith. We've learned about the nature of friendship and love. We've been forced to think about these ageless topics which have intrigued and baffled philosophers, writers, scientists and students for as long as humans have recorded their history. And we've done all of this while we're doing our homework.

This truism is oft-overlooked, apparently, by the administration. I was most distressed to read in last week's *Greyhound* that Loyola does not feel that we students spend enough time on our homework. I would beg to disagree.

This is the life of a Loyola student. We are in class for 15 hours a week to begin with. Most of us go to most of these classes, especially since the majority of classes have department-mandated attendance policies that are reminiscent of high school.

There is the time spent getting to and from class, more or less depending on where students reside. There are three meals a day that students should and usually do eat. There are frequent trips to the gym, as we have a world class facility which encourages students to implement the Jesuit ideals of having a sound body to support a sound mind.

There are telephone or computer conversations with parents, relatives and friends from afar. Perhaps a faith service will be attended or a few moments of personal reflection and growth. Some students enjoy reading a book for pleasure, or journaling. Then there are maintenance concerns such as laundry and apartment cleansing. As well, there exists a period of time for personal hygiene and grooming: No one likes the smelly kid, and no one will ever hire a smelly kid.

After all of that there are extracurricular activities. Many students volunteer their time for those less fortunate, and the school is always encouraging more students to join in and volunteer as well. Frequently, student athletes practice and compete at ungodly hours; writers burn the midnight oil trying to finish an issue by deadline; theater buffs spend countless hours rehearsing, building and painting; activists plan events, recruit members, raise money.

To top it all off, a large amount of Loyola students have on and off campus jobs. Those who work on campus work a maximum of 15 hours a week. We are pretty damn busy!

And then there is the activity in question: homework. According to last week's article, Loyola students spend an average of 12-15

hours a week on homework. The Faculty Evaluation Committee recommends that we should be doing 25 hours of homework a week. Let's do the math: 15+25=40. Forty hours a week is a full-time job. OK, but what about all of the other school-related activities that fill our lives? Every activity that we students do helps to fulfill our Jesuit mission of becoming well-educated, well-informed, well-rounded members of society.

Missing from my list of Loyola students' activities are two key facets of college life and life in general: SLEEP and FUN. Every human has the right to these life sustaining and enjoyable activities. I like sleeping. It makes me feel better and healthier.

I also like having fun. I love my friends, and along with my family, they are my second priority in life right now. School/career concerns are first, but they are a close second. Having friends and fun are intrinsically wrapped up in leading a satisfied, happy, fulfilling life. Our relationships define who we are as human beings, and I don't take kindly to anyone suggesting I spend less time with them to do more busy work.

I've learned a whole heap at Loyola. I'll learn more, too, before I leave. But what I will miss more than anything when I leave is my friends, not writing academic papers or studying for exams. I am not suggesting that my papers and studies are without merit — quite the opposite. But there can and must be an achievable balance.

We students do so much already, and experiences with friends must not be sacrificed. These relationships can be the most satisfying and growth-inspiring facet of our college careers.

NBC sends wrong message with new "Apprentice"

While most ex-cons struggle to get their lives back on track, survive financially and obtain a job, Martha Stewart will be collecting hefty paychecks and competing for high ratings. When Stewart is released

VICKI THOMASEY

from prison in less than one month, she will return to her million-dollar mansion, tend to her garden, whip up some soufflés and begin development of two new shows: a syndicated talk show and a reality series.

NBC announced this week they are developing a spin-off of the hugely popular show, "The Apprentice," in which Martha Stewart will be taking over for "the Donald." The show will follow the traditional format with some changes catering to the persona and image of Stewart (think contestants designing centerpieces instead of advertising campaigns). Mark Burnett, the brains behind "Survivor" and "The Apprentice" is said to be developing the project.

Martha is set. After her release from prison, she will serve five months house arrest, during which time she can conduct 48 hours of business a week from her home. Lucky for Martha, she will never be faced with the task of sitting down to an interview and nervously revealing that she has spent time in federal prison for obstructing justice in a government investigation. She will



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Martha Stewart leaves federal court in Manhattan on June 4, 2003.

probably never have to check the "yes" box on applications asking if she's been convicted of a crime. Instead, Martha will retain her fame and make even more money to add to her already fat and fancy bank account.

Americans are forgiving people; there is no doubt about that. We gave President Bill Clinton a second chance, forgave Dan Rather for sloppy journalistic practices and even let Ashlee Simpson's lip synching slide.

The problem with this new reality TV arrangement doesn't necessarily lie with the new host and her past mistakes but with

the idea behind capitalizing on the hype surrounding a convicted and freshly-released criminal. What are we, as Americans, saying about white-collar crime in our country?

Rather than just forgiving Martha Stewart for her mistakes and allowing her to return to her media empress throne, we give her television slots, publicity and more cold hard cash.

The past few years have been filled with stories of white-collar crime (Enron, WorldCom, etc.) and images of CEOs with handcuffs as the accessories to their designer suits. In most cases, their actions

caused thousands of people to lose their jobs and paychecks. I highly doubt that anyone would watch a show featuring Kenneth Lay, the former chairman of Enron, pointing his little finger at young business hopefuls and muttering the infamous "You're fired!" at them for making poor decisions.

There is no doubt in my mind that Martha Stewart is a decent person who made a series of bad decisions, but the message we are sending by placing her at the head of a show that rewards good business practices and bright thinkers is a contradictory one. I would have a hard time respecting and vying for the approval of a boss I knew was involved in unethical business practices and obstruction of justice.

Martha Stewart's new shows will most likely earn high ratings, bring in millions in advertising and have Americans talking. The programs will probably be entertaining, bright, and funny -- as many of Mark Burnett's programs are. But beneath the surface, the message that Americans are receiving says even if you lie to the government and conduct business unethically, you too can be the star of your very own reality TV show where you can criticize and judge the decision-making skills, ideas and ethics of others. To borrow the words of Martha Stewart herself, the message this show is sending, is not a "good thing."

Anonymous Evergreen applications lack loyalty

The Evergreen mission statement makes much ado about the Jesuit ideals. Well, I'm pretty sure the Jesuit ideals mention the importance of loyalty and family. Yet this organization that is responsible for welcoming new members to the "Loyola family" is willing to kick out its own members over a trivial matter, and I'm not talking about the baseball incident. When I last checked Webster's, the definition of hypocrisy was very similar to the Evergreen's actions. If veteran Evergreens don't realize the unfair treatment we are forced to take, then they don't deserve to be a part of this program.

We are volunteers and provide a great

service to the Loyola community. You'd think the program would invite non-graduating Evergreens back each year, but they don't. Have you heard the adage, "Actions speak louder than words?" Well, apparently the Evergreen program hasn't, because they are cutting prospective and returning Evergreens based solely on essays, this year especially.

This year the application process is anonymous so that everyone has an equal chance of being selected. That doesn't seem very fair to returning Evergreens. We are forced to go through the application process each year and if by chance we get denied, then so be it. That's our reward for

volunteering: A deep knife in the back. Talk about loyalty.

I, for one, am done with this program. I will not reapply next year, but I will never forget the past year as an Evergreen. I got to experience something amazing, something awesome and something so great that it got attention campus-wide. Even if it was negative publicity, it defined what being an Evergreen was all about, to me and many other Evergreens (you know who you are).

I just want to warn the entire program. If serious changes aren't made, this program will lose its most valued assets: outgoing undergraduates. Sure, incoming freshmen

think us Evergreens are losers from day one, but they don't see what goes on behind the scenes. They don't see the friendships being formed. They don't see the laughter. They don't see how much fun we have, and the ones that do see all those great things often join Evergreens.

But, if the current situation persists you won't see laughter or fun, just meaningless friendships with a group of well-written introverts.

Be careful.

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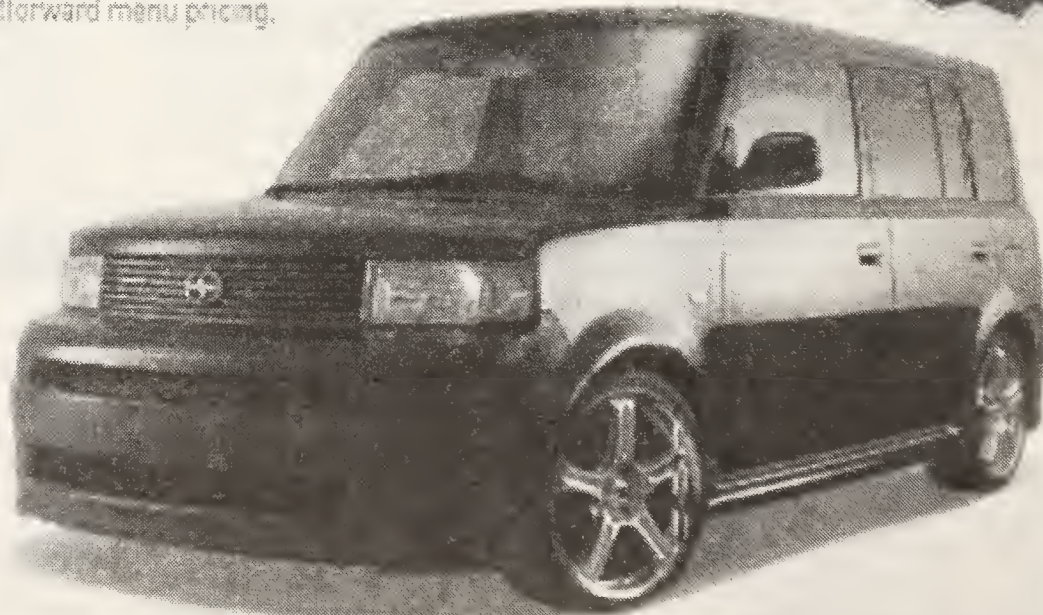
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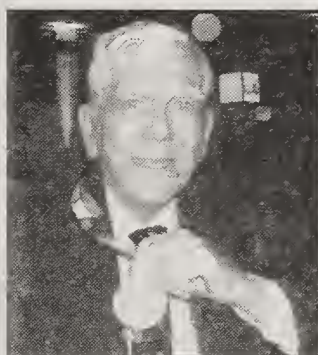
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Colleague remembers Dr. Nicholas Varga



Dr. Nicholas Varga was an extraordinary, interesting and opinionated man who lived life to the fullest. I knew him as an author, professor and later a friend. Working in the word processing department, I and my co-workers came in contact with him over the years as he published articles and his book about Loyola.

As an undergraduate, I took my first class with him in the fall of 1994. It was all lecture, and I got writer's cramp, but I learned so much about America and Maryland. He knew his subject! And later when my department



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DR. NICHOLAS VARGA

was moved into the same building as the archives, I got to know him as a friend. He worked a Tuesday/Thursday schedule so his daily mail was delivered to my department, and he would pick it up when he came in. I got to know a man with a sharp intellect who was up to date on the political pulse of the city, state and country. He would get on a subject and talk "a bit," and it was just fascinating to listen to the wealth of knowledge he possessed.

His health was failing, and he had several brushes with death, but he seemed to bounce back. We called him "the Lazarus man," and I thought for sure he would overcome this last fall, but it wasn't meant to be. You may not know how truly important he was to this college and how much he loved working here. On Dec. 27, he left me a voice mail telling me, with a catch in his voice, that he was resigning as the archivist, but he wanted to make sure I finished the memo to Fr. Ridley about several portraits he wanted to have restored to their proper places on campus. He was very much aware of the people who made this college what it is today and didn't want them forgotten. I want that for him too, not to be forgotten and to be appreciated for all that he accomplished during his amazing life.

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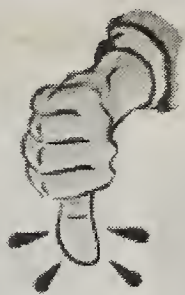
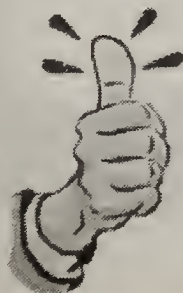
THUMBS

BY JAYO'BRIEN

Deng Gai -- A classy basketball superstar from a less-than-classy MAAC rival, this Fairfield senior dominated Reitz Arena and shoved us what good basketball actually looks like. (Were we ever going to make a foul shot?) Five alley-oops later, Gai acknowledged the Dog Pound late in the game. Deng this guy was good -- we'll see you in the pros.

Bull & Oyster Roast -- From Club Boulder to Mardi Gras, Alumni Relations should quit their day jobs and open a bar downtown. They have developed a great concept -- combine oysters and alcohol, two potent aphrodisiacs, with thousands of sexually-charged singles who haven't seen each other in years. The opportunities were as endless as the kegs of Red Hook. Hopefully the organizers of the New York Networking Event will learn from this and not insult our intelligence by serving Pepsi in champagne glasses.

Campus Ministry -- With the tragic deaths of Fr. Ridley and Fr. Hartley, Campus Ministry lost two great friends. Yet while dealing with their own grief, George Miller, Fr. Ruff, Pete Rogers and the entire Campus Ministry student staff showed an admirable dedication to the Loyola College community by planning and singing at wakes, memorials and Masses. This office never seeks (and often does not receive) the credit that it deserves, but *The Greyhound* thanks you for your dignity and class during these difficult times.



Craig's The bartenders may be the best on York Rd., but the \$1 cover is an absurd display of disrespect and greed. I would not mind waking up tomorrow to find that the foundation of the building gave up and just collapsed -- this "senior bar" myth was ruined from day one, and the bar has made it increasingly clear that it doesn't want our business. I can only hope that the cover is a way scare underclassmen away -- stay on campus and go to parties instead.

WLO-Why? -- Does Loyola College have any commitment to its communication majors? The department has recently reorganized into confusing nothingness, and their two most expensive and potentially exciting assets -- the television and radio stations -- have been gaining dust rather than participants. I applaud the work of students involved, but the problem lies with the faculty and administration. Instead of broadcasting live Loyola events, WLOY Radio drives their cute little van around Baltimore and runs pre-recorded, terrible content for 22 hours a day. Meanwhile, WLOY-TV has done nothing since "Fate Date." Is there a strategic plan for either of these stations?

Loyola Look-Alikes -- Unfortunately, the Nickster was beat up by D.C. police the night of the State of the Union Address, so he is out of business this week. Besides, everyone here looks the same anyways.

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Community deals with grief

■ Mourners encouraged to seek counseling

By BLAKE CALLAHAN
STAFF WRITER

As the Loyola community continues to mourn the recent deaths of several college leaders, the Counseling Center is offering students, faculty and administrators an option to help them deal with their grief and pain from these unexpected losses.

"Some of our students may experience prolonged or delayed reactions to the sudden deaths of Fr. Ridley and Fr. Harley," said Dr. Jason Parcover, assistant director of the Counseling Center.

Dr. Donnie Cook, assistant vice-president of Student Development and director of the Counseling Center, agreed that the timing and combination of the two deaths, along with the significance of their positions as president and chaplain all contribute to potentially complicated grief reactions for members of the campus community.

"Fr. Ridley and Fr. Hartley reached out to a number of students, individually and in student leadership groups," Parcover said.

For sophomore Karina Christiansen, who was close to Hartley, this statement rings true.

But despite her grief, Christiansen hasn't taken advantage of the Counseling Center's services.

"I don't think the Counseling Center would really be necessary because I know why I am so sad and hurt," she said.

Rather than counseling, Christiansen finds comfort in spending time with friends.

"I have close friends who also knew and loved Fr. Hartley, and we have been there for one another. I have been handling the loss by going to services and being with people who knew him and who can share stories about him," she said. "After the loss, I needed to hear everyone he knew talk about how great he was, how peaceful, loving and ridiculous," Christiansen added.

Professor David Belz learned of Ridley's death about five minutes before his first morning class of the spring term. Like Christiansen, Belz has found comfort in attending services.

"I do think that grief counseling is a tremendous help to people: students, staff, faculty, friends of Loyola College -- just as the many ceremonies and tributes to these men are helping us share our sorrow," Belz said.

According to Parcover with the

Loyola community's sudden loss of Ridley and Hartley, the Counseling Center has already seen an increase in the number of students seeking support over the past two weeks as compared to the overall number during previous years. While the Counseling Center typically sees students for concerns with relationships, self-image, depression, anxiety, values, body image and family problems, Parcover expects that in the coming weeks they will continue to see an increase in the need for support services.

However, he believes that there are common stereotypes about counseling that may cause students who need help not to seek it.

"Many believe that people should be able to deal with their problems by themselves and that only those with severe problems seek outside help," Parcover said. "However what people actually find is that counseling provides a safe haven to discuss their problems and gain a fresh perspective."

Over the last couple of weeks, the Counseling Center has been making efforts to provide additional support to those in need.

"The Counseling Center is offering individual and group therapy, crisis intervention, consultation with faculty, administration, staff and campus outreach," Parcover said.

But as for Christiansen and Belz, they will not be seeking counseling. Rather they will continue to seek comfort in their memories of Hartley and Ridley.

"As strange as it may sound, the grief I've felt in the past couple weeks has been alloyed with a certain equanimity, a peace in the knowledge that here were men at the height of their powers, deeply rooted in their community and fully engaged in the project of being men for and with others," Belz said.



ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Dr. Patricia Williams delivered the Martin Luther King Jr. convocation speech on Wednesday, Jan. 19. Williams is a professor at Columbia Law School and an award-winning author.

MLK lecturer speaks on civil rights and colleges

By CHRISTINA SANTUCCI
MANAGING EDITOR

-- A Greyhound staffer talks with Dr. Patricia Williams, renowned author and professor.

In your opinion what is the commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day all about this year?

This year, I think this and in past years, there is a reminder of what Dr. King's social goals were, of more global issues and his message of the pursuit of a pacifist and peaceful world. I think Dr. King's voice is needed for what he brought to the world. Right now in the world there is a sort of duel justice system, one that has had no parallel since maybe the Jim Crow laws in the deep South, where white Southerners had one set of rules and blacks had another. It grieves me to think that we have places now like Guantanamo Bay where people are there for an indeterminate amount of time and their human rights are not respected. Their fate is determined only by the executive power, and this form of governance overlaps with a dictatorship. At the very least, there should be accountability of the governor within the government, but right now the

president has removed himself from not only the accountability to the citizens and the media but from the rest of the government.

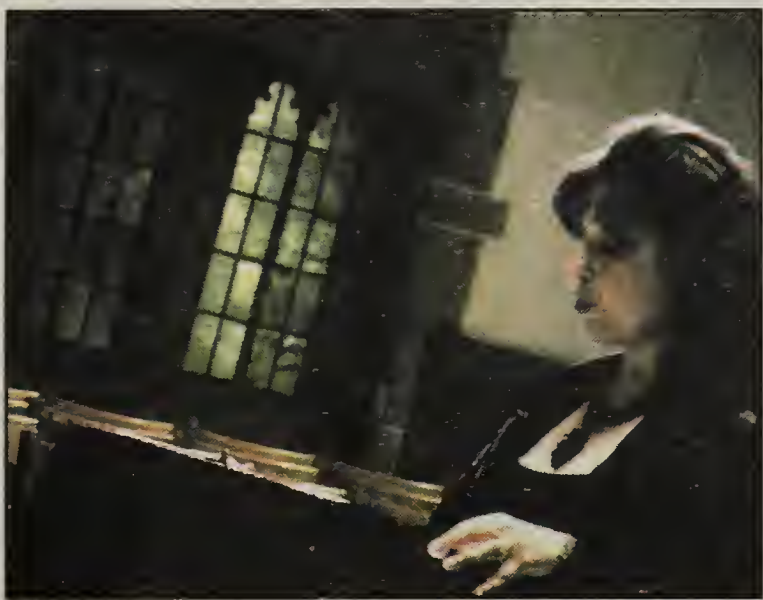
What can the average citizen do to make the government accountable?

We need to make our voices heard. We need to protest and speak out, write and vote ... most of all we need to vote. I think of [Dr.] Condoleezza Rice [recently appointed as President Bush's secretary of state], and I am disheartened by how she is depicted as one of the little girls from Birmingham, Ala., where four black schoolgirls were killed when someone firebombed a church. Meanwhile, Rice uses this imagery to disguise herself as one of the chief agents of a policy of social war. She is depicted as a civil rights advocate when really the president placed her in charge of a misguided policy.

Why do you choose to speak at colleges and universities? Why have you come to Loyola today?

I am a teacher; this is my world. This is where the future is.

-- For more of the interview with Dr. Patricia Williams, log onto www.loyolagreyhound.com.



CHRISTINA SANTUCCI/GREYHOUND

Soprano Elizabeth Hart performs "Sous le Ciel de Paris" accompanied by R. Timothy McReynolds (not shown) on Sunday in the chapel. Hart and McReynolds are fine arts faculty members.

Poet launches spring literary series

By CECILIA WATSON
STAFF WRITER

Last Wednesday, Loyola College welcomed the first Modern Masters series speaker of the semester. Poet Andrew Hudgins, who presented at McManus Theatre, was born in Kilean, Texas in 1951. He studied at Huntingdon College and the University of Alabama and received an MFA in creative writing from the University of Iowa.

He has published several volumes of poetry, including *Ecstatic in the Poison* (Overlook Press, 2003), *The Glass Hammer: a Southern Childhood* (1994) and

Babylon in a Jar (2001).

He has received many awards for his work as well. One of his books of poetry, *Saints and Strangers*, was one of the three finalists for the Pulitzer Prize.

He has also received the Witter Byner Award for poetry, the Hones Poetry Prize and fellowships from the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, the Ingram Merrill Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts.

He is currently a distinguished professor at Ohio State University.

Hudgins' performance on Wednesday was a testimony to his personal biography as well. As he read his poetry -- which included anecdotal stories, including those

of his "slick" cat and works from his new collection, *You Had It Coming* -- listeners could tell that this man, with a slight southern drawl and a knack for storytelling, has led a very interesting life.

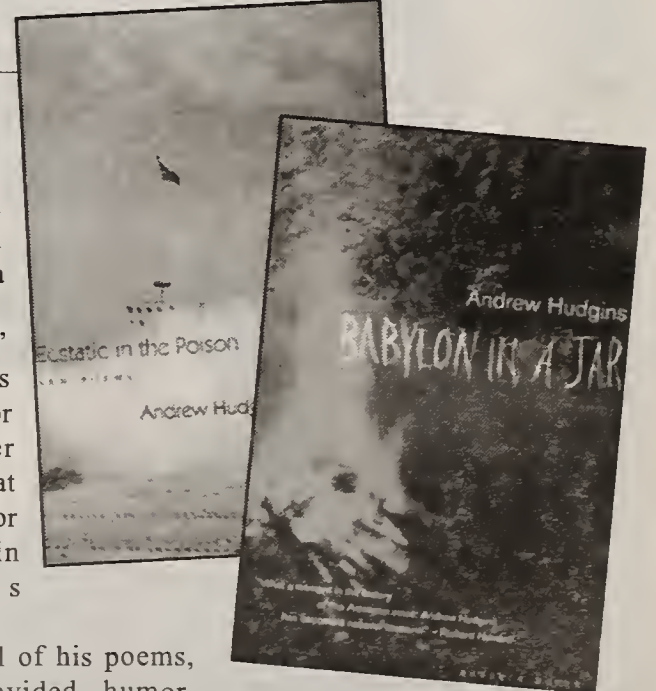
His writing provided a great mix of serious, contemplative poetry and lyrical, humorous stories. He spoke about his friend who walked through the hallways like he was driving a car in "Jim the Car."

He read poems that he had written in which he mixed history and mythology into an individual's life, such as "The Ship Made for Burning" and "Arcadia." And finally, he read an emotional poem, "The God of the Frenzies," in which a boy had been set on

fire by an accidental lighting of a match.

Hudgins' poetry and his sense of humor came together to give a great performance for the crowd in McManus Theatre.

Through all of his poems, Hudgins provided humor, entertainment and an impressive writing skills to put together a great performance and a perfect start to the spring 2005 Modern Masters series.



Poet Andrew Hudgins read work from several of his collections, including *Ecstatic in the Poison* and *Babylon in a Jar*, during the Modern Masters presentation.

Intense drama worth ticket price, critic says

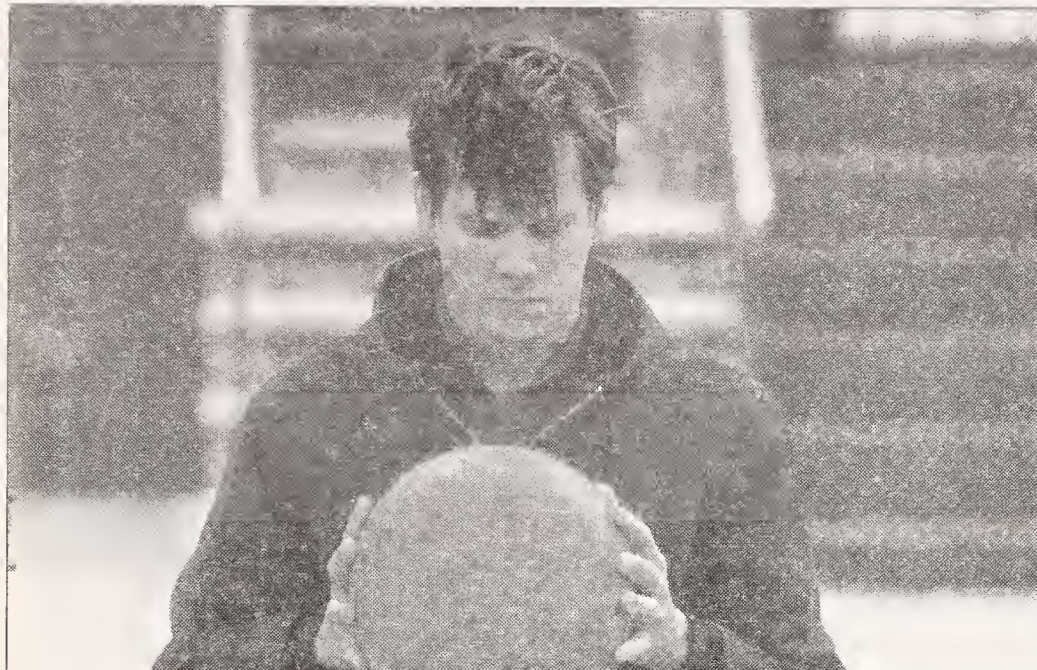


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In the drama *The Woodsman*, Kevin Bacon plays Walter, a just-released child sex offender confronting his demons and struggling to regain a place in society.

By KEVIN DUGAN
MOVIE CRITIC

Any film that can make you feel as genuinely uncomfortable as this one made me feel is a damned good movie. Intense acting and a very real life feel to the movie make *The Woodsman*'s content matter that much more powerful.

The movie begins with the release of a child sex offender named Walter (Kevin Bacon) from prison. Walter finds a job with an old friend (David Alan Grier) doing some woodworking, trying to put his life back on track. While the only family member that will still talk to him is his brother-in-law (Benjamin Bratt), he tries moving forward

and even begins a romantic relationship with a co-worker (Kyra Sedgwick). His past refuses to escape him though, as Walter regularly tracks the movements of another possible sex offender through his window. Temptation bears down on him while his life is put into complete disarray.

The acting in this film is just astounding. Kevin Bacon has come a long way from showing his buns in *Wild Things* to portraying this recovering pedophile with such creepy intensity. Couple that with his performance in *Mystic River*, and I'd say he is only one good role away from getting a turkey. Not only that, but Sedgwick is a perfect match for Bacon in the movie, providing an equally passionate portrayal

and helping add to the remarkable texture of the film.

Directing only her second movie, Nicole Kassell does an amazing job putting *The Woodsman* together. The direction and cinematography help amplify the tone of the movie throughout, leaving the audience in awe of how dramatic it is and how uncomfortable they can be made. The word lighthearted would not exactly come to mind when thinking of this movie; it is downright serious from start to finish.

Even the sex scenes between Sedgwick and Bacon are dominantly intense. I am not completely familiar with the sex lives of 40-year-olds, nor do I want to be, but this relationship sure seemed pretty steamy. The ways the scenes are filmed blend them perfectly to the rest of the movie in a very real and very raw fashion. Nothing about them is glorified, keeping the movie in a more realistic and believable state, and the powerful tone of the film stays intact.

While the film is rather slow-paced, there is never a dull moment. Given the subject matter and the desired effect on the audience, the dictated pace of this movie is perfect. The mind and psyche of Walter just keeps getting deeper and darker, able to disturb even the most stoic of people. It is like a lengthier version of a *Law and Order: SVU* episode, except taken from the perspective of the pervert and um ... is actually good.

The only problem with the believability of the film is that everyone and their mother is a victim of sexual abuse. While I know this is a serious matter and not something to joke about, it is not exactly realistic to have everyone Walter comes into contact

with have a history of abuse. It is far too coincidental and comes off as just a tad farfetched. But if you can look past this minor flaw, then the rest of the movie could easily be considered an amazing one.

The Woodsman is definitely a movie you should get out to see. Just do not make the same mistake that I did and take a date. To my surprise, pedophilia does not spur on feelings of intimacy in a couple.

Five and one half of a Dugan out of seven beg you to support this independent film. It is currently playing at the Charles Theatre by the train station, as well as several other great features being presented there daily.

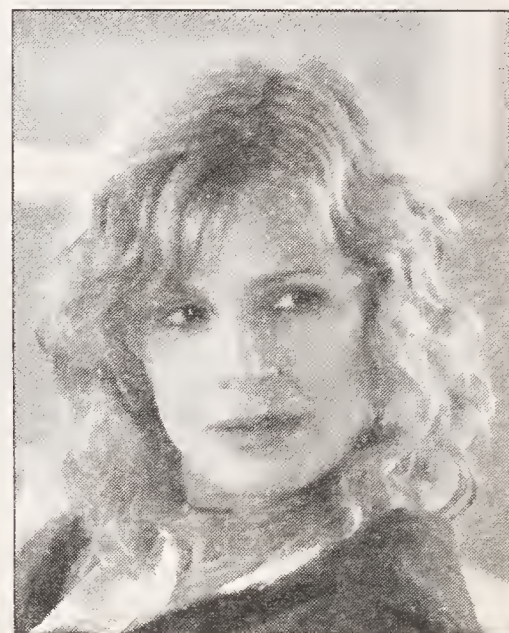


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Kyra Sedgwick, in her biggest role in years, plays Kevin Bacon's co-worker and romantic interest in *The Woodsman*. Our reviewer realized too late, however, that this was not a date movie.

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Arcade Fire proves to be worthy of the hype

By **BRENDAN NOWLIN**
ARTS & SOCIETY EDITOR

When the Arcade Fire takes the stage, they don't simply pick up their instruments (of which there are quite a few) and play songs. They perform them with such passion and enthusiasm that it's impossible, as a member of the audience, to leave the venue at the end of the night without a desire to experience it all over again.

The best thing about a description like that is that it's entirely accurate and true.

A few nights before the Montreal, Canada eight-piece band filled in for Maroon 5 on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" (proof that there is indeed a God), they stopped in at the 9:30 Club in DC.

The Jan. 30 show was nothing short of

CONCERT REVIEW

amazing, mostly featuring songs from the band's debut album, *Funeral*.

Though in most respects the band is led by Win Butler and wife Régine Chassagne, there were indeed eight musicians on stage, all of whom played their instruments as if it were the last show of their career.

The only band members that stuck to one instrument were the two violinists and the drummer; everyone else switched instruments multiple times throughout the 90-minute set.

While there were only three or four microphones set up solely for vocals, each member of the band (and handfuls of people in the audience) offered up his or her voice and together formed a veritable chorus of sound. On songs like "Rebellion (Lies)" and "Neighborhood #3 (Power Out)," you were singing if you knew the words.

For the first song of the night, "Wake Up," Richard Reed Parry pounded on a tom he had thrown around his neck, adjusting his glasses every few seconds. He would eventually lose them completely later in the show, when Butler's little brother Will *really* got into it and nearly choked Parry during his theatrical frenzy.

It wasn't difficult to get wrapped up in such frenzy, especially when it included Parry and Butler donning motorcycle helmets and pounding on each other's heads (and cymbals, stage railings, microphone stands ...) with drumsticks.

As intense as everything was both on stage and off, the crowd quieted down to almost complete silence between songs.

"You might be the most polite crowd we've had during this tour," Win

Butler said over the silence with a smile. "And that's gotta stop right now." With that, the band erupted into "Neighborhood #3." And believe it or not, some dancing ensued.

The most beautiful part of the evening was the last 10 minutes or so when -- unfortunately -- the band ended their set. Chassagne took center stage and, with the spotlight shedding dim yellow light on her, sang "In The Backseat" while the rest of the band slowly worked its way to the crescendo of its final minutes. In many ways, however, the song never really ended.

Each of the eight members unplugged their instruments, continued playing and singing, while walking in a funeral-like procession through the crowd toward the back of the venue. With the audience looking both dumbfounded and amazed, the



BRENDAN NOWLIN/GREYHOUND

Guitarist/bassist/accordionist/percussionist Richard Reed Parry bangs on a motorcycle helmet while processing through the crowd at the 9:30 Club on Jan. 30, as violinist Sarah Neufeld follows close behind.

band walked upstairs to the balcony, through the crowd and ended up in their dressing room (where they apparently continued to play for a minute or so).

I have been to a great number of concerts, and while most have been incredibly entertaining, many of them wear me out a bit. That is, while the band is nearing the end of its set, I am standing in the audience with very tired feet and a mouth sneaking a yawn in there once in a while. Sure, the band's been good, but I want to go home.

When the Arcade Fire processed through the 9:30 Club, and I realized that it was more than likely to be their last song, I was pretty damn sad. I didn't want the show to end. It

was the best concert I had ever seen, heard or experienced, and I wish I could live through it again.

Chances are, I *will* be able to see them again at some point in the near future, considering the band's quick rise to the forefront of the indie scene. It has been said in interviews that they aren't too concerned about the hype surrounding them right now, but it can be agreed upon that it's well deserved.

They will be taking part in the Coachella Festival in California this May, sharing the stage with indie sweethearts like Bright Eyes, the Fiery Furnaces and the Secret Machines. Doubtless, it will be some show.

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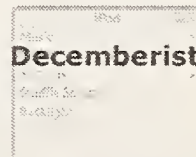
The Greyhound iMix

Compiled by Brendan Nowlin

This compilation is available for download via iTunes. To access the iMix, visit www.loyolagreyhound.com and look for it under the Arts & Society section of the Web site.

This week's iMix is entitled **Seth Cohen Would Probably Approve**. Like "The OC" or not, that Cohen's got a pretty good taste in music (or at least the show's music supervisor does). So here's a mix that our favorite fictional Orange County character would probably approve of.

01. A.M. 180 - Granddaddy
02. Surfing on a Rocket - Air
03. Here I Dreamt I Was an Architect - The Decemberists
04. Sweet Marie - The Anniversary
05. Misery Is A Butterfly - Blonde Redhead
06. Ha Ha - Mates of State
07. Needy Girl - Chromeo
08. The Way You Wear Your Head - Nada Surf
09. Fillip - Muse
10. You're So Great - Blur
11. Chanel No. 5 - Caalexico
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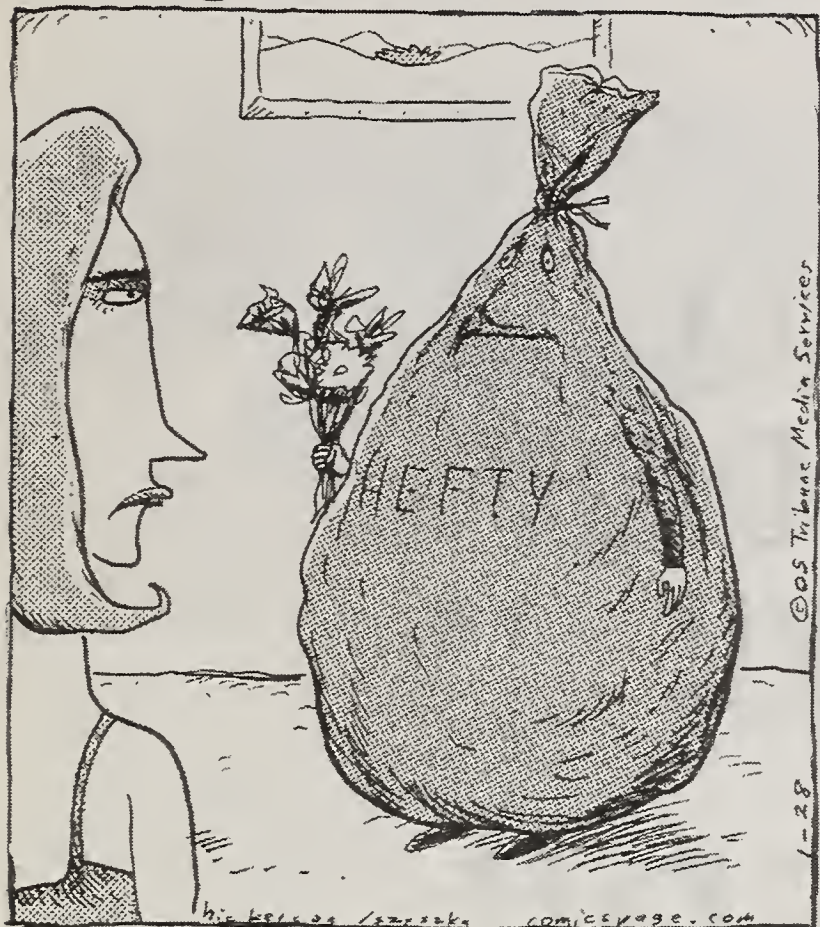


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Something in his appearance told Francine that Sigfried had been dumped many times before.

You Are Here By Aaron Warner

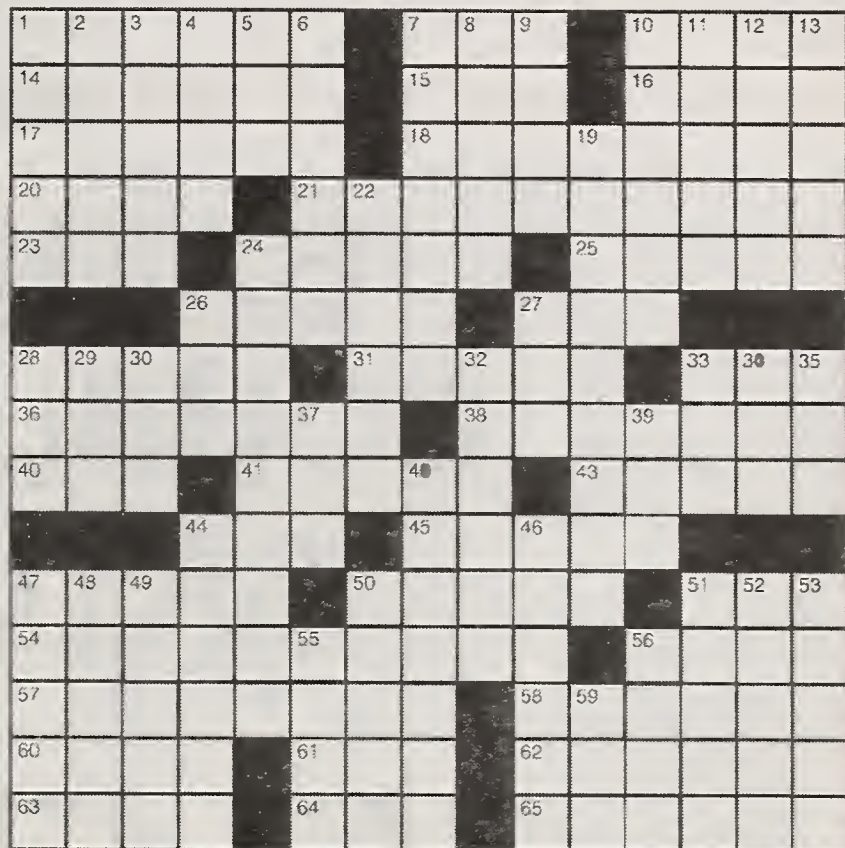


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Crossword

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- 1 Picturesque
 - 7 Horned viper
 - 10 Slovenly one
 - 14 Extravagant
 - 15 Type of shooter
 - 16 St. Petersburg's river
 - 17 Perplexing puzzle
 - 18 Forgave
 - 20 Engrave
 - 21 Light dusting
 - 23 Small child
 - 24 Transmission components
 - 25 Feel
 - 26 Hospital staff member
 - 27 TV adjunct
 - 28 Follow immediately
 - 31 Stan's partner in comedy
 - 33 Easter treat
 - 36 Programming language
 - 38 Loss of memory
 - 40 Tango number
 - 41 Steps element
 - 43 Lees
 - 44 Disencumbered
 - 45 Sights setter
 - 47 Ruthless
 - 50 Plait
 - 51 Aussie bird
 - 54 Fabric treatments
 - 56 Scent
 - 57 Two-handed praise
 - 58 Numero uno
 - 60 Unrestrained
 - 61 Ave. crossers
 - 62 Whole
 - 63 Mary ___ Lincoln
 - 64 Successor of FDR
 - 65 Sow anew

- DOWN
- 1 Frozen raindrops
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HOROSCOPES

By Lasha Seniuk/KRT

romantic proposals will demand a quick response: provide an honest evaluation.

Taurus (April 21-May 20) Over the next five days, official documents will require careful scrutiny. Pay special attention to payment promises, acquired debt and financial calculations. Numbers may provide little insight into actual long-term costs: avoid written agreements.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) News from employers or government officials may be disruptive this

week. Over the next few days, some Geminis will shuffle work schedules and adopt revised duties. Late Saturday, a remarkable romantic invitation may arrive without warning. Passionate flirtations, exotic travel or unusual leisure activities may be on the agenda: stay open.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Lost records and yesterday's paperwork are this week vital to business success. Potential employers will soon ask for unique permissions, quick answers and detailed disclosures. Don't disappoint. Thursday through Saturday also highlight social and romantic decisions. Long-term promises may be necessary; remain dedicated to family needs.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Love affairs, sensuality and unexpected proposals are highlighted over the next six days. Some Leos,

especially those born after 1974, will soon change their marital status or expand their romantic commitments. Passions will be high: if possible, trust your instincts and set a slow pace.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Recent social judgements demand explanation; before mid-week, expect loved ones to request an emotional review of past group alliances, romantic promises or daily commitments. Don't be unnerved. Several months of private doubt now needs to be publicly resolved; encourage open debate and respond honestly to probing questions.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Long-term property agreements, financial contracts or legal permissions may now be briefly delayed. Over the next six days, key officials will stall progress in all vital money matters. Wednesday through Saturday, social invitations may be unexpectedly canceled.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Someone close may feel isolated or misunderstood; refuse to ignore small facts and underlying emotions. Wednesday through Saturday, pay close attention to minor group comments or the changing attitudes of friends. Powerful social insights are available; respond quickly to your first instincts.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Private romantic encounters are not easily avoided this week. Some Sagittarians will now experience a powerful wave of sensuality or revitalized health. Although new love is promising, long-term friendships should not be ignored.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Entertainment, group participation and social conduct are a top priority for loved ones over the next eight days. Close relatives may soon change their daily habits or emotional outlook. Several weeks of low self-esteem, romantic doubt or family isolation will fade.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) After Thursday, a new era of romantic communication and family planning arrives. Many Aquarians will now bring renewed optimism to their daily lives. Remain alert: much is changing.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) Over the next six days, a close friend or lover may outline complex changes to long-term relationships. Living arrangements, family finances or daily obligations are on the agenda. Carefully verify all calculations and written agreements: numbers, facts and proposed dates will soon prove vital.

If your birthday is this week ... New friends may bring unexpected social complications over the next nine weeks. Pay close attention to subtle romantic triangles, private attractions or rare invitations: at present, potential friends and lovers may boldly compete for your loyalty.



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Loyola will host the MAAC Title meet at the FAC starting Feb. 17.

LC swims past Iona

BY BOB HINKEY
STAFF WRITER

Last Saturday, Loyola's swim teams defeated the Iona Gaels in a dual-meet in New Rochelle, N.Y., 145-92 on the men's side and 127-112 on the women's side. This was the regular season finale for both teams, and the meet was also a final tune-up for the MAAC championships.

The Greyhounds had solid performances from the entire team, both from seniors swimming in their last regular season meet at Loyola and three freshman swimmers delivering victories.

Freshman Ian Perrazelli secured wins in two freestyle events with a time of 10:24.95 in the 1000 free and 1:49.45 in the 200 free. Senior Sam Brownell also placed well in two races as he took home the 200 IM with a time of 2:04.19 and placed second in the 200 fly in a time of 2:06.05.

Senior Marko Turcinov continued his strong season with a win in the 200 free. Freshman Doug Alban's time of 2:00.73 in the 200 back scored another victory for Loyola. Another freshman, Patrick Hicks, delivered a victory in the 500 free.

"I personally feel really good going in to the championships," Alban said. "I was injured last year and didn't know if I would be able to swim at all this year, so I'm way ahead of where I thought I would be."

Senior Lisa Davey had an excellent day, highlighted by a win in the 200 IM with a time of 2:17.35 and second-place finishes in the 200 backstroke and breaststroke.

Sophomore Nori Skoda and freshman Megan Hadley also had fine days, including a one-two finish in the 500 free respectively.

Sophomore diver Megan Sterback took home a first-place finish in the three- and one-meter diving competition for the second consecutive week.

On Feb. 17, 18 and 19, Loyola will host the MAAC championships at the Fitness and Aquatic Center. The pinnacle of the H2Ounds season, the MAAC championships will give the Greyhounds' top performers a chance to swim against the best of the MAAC and compete for a berth in the NCAA championship meet.

Turcinov looks to deliver the same kind of performance he had in last year's championships. He took home three gold medals and was on three medal-winning relay teams, earning MAAC Swimmer of the Year honors.

Freshman Megan Hadley, one of the strongest swimmers on the women's side throughout the year, is optimistic going into her debut in the championships.

"I have had some of best performances the last couple weeks and feel confident going into the championship meet," Hadley said.

LC rebounds over Jaspers

BY TERRY FOY
SPORTS EDITOR

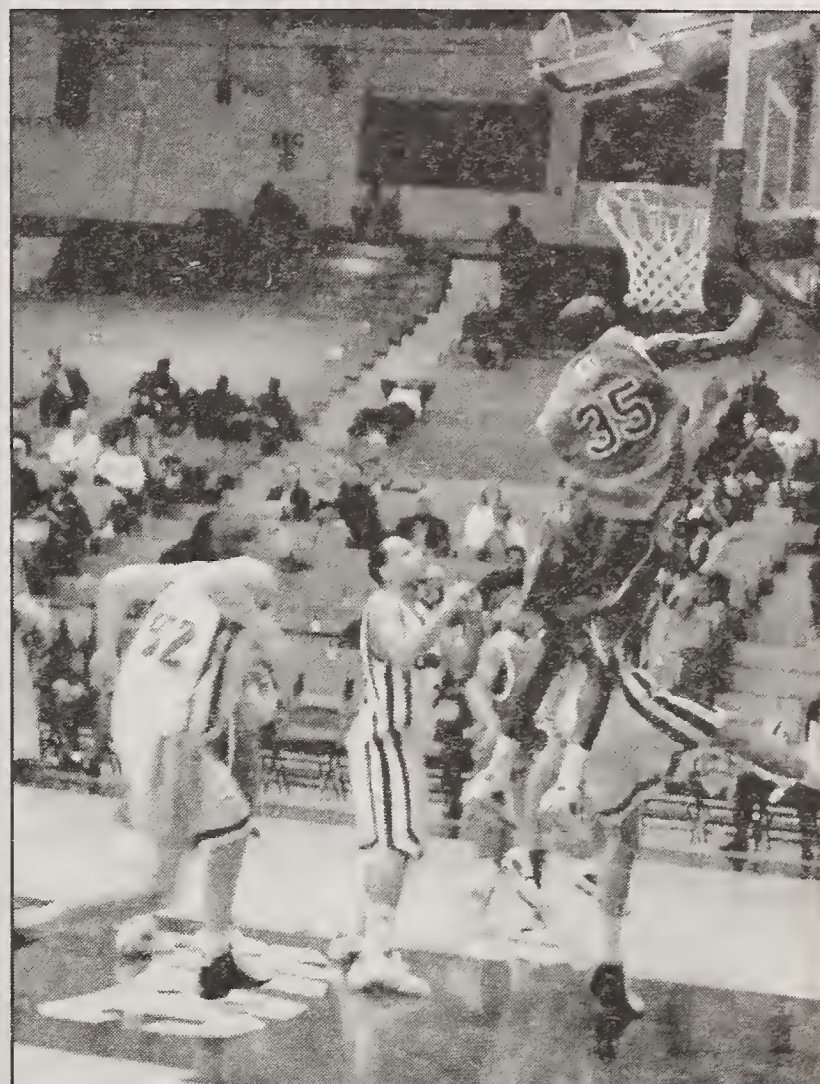
In a surprising upset, Loyola turned back the Jaspers of Manhattan College, 77-70, in the second leg of a Loyola basketball doubleheader last Sunday at Reitz Arena. With a win that saw Loyola control the tempo and outplay the two-time defending MAAC champions from beginning to end, the Hounds improved to 3-9 in the MAAC and 4-17 overall.

In the face of a stiff Manhattan press, Loyola continually answered, converting on tough jump shots and open lay-ups. Freshman forward Freddie Stanback halted a short Manhattan run when he curled off of a screen and stuck a 17-foot jumper to give the Hounds a 13-12 lead with 12:00 remaining in the first half. Stanback just missed a double-double, finishing with 13 points and nine rebounds.

"I thought I played well in the first half, in more of a scoring role, and in the second half I tried to do the dirty work," Stanback said. "But it's nice, because we all really wanted this win."

After several big plays, including a pair of dunks by senior forward Jim Chivers, gave the Hounds a 37-28 lead with 4.9 seconds remaining in the half, freshman guard Brad Farrell took an inbounds pass and advanced the ball up the floor before giving it up to junior guard Charlie Bell, who hit a deep three to send the Hounds into the locker room up 40-28 and with all the momentum.

Junior guard Linton Hinds and sophomore guard Shane James helped to maintain the Greyhound lead by continually driving to the basket. While the Hounds' free throw woes returned for a time late in the second half, both Hinds and James hit big foul shots down the stretch. Hinds led Loyola with 18 points, and James chipped in 15.



CHRISTINA SANTUCCI/GREYHOUND

Fairfield center Deng Gai misses on an alley-oop in the second half of last Thursday's game at Reitz Arena.

Helping the Hounds to out-rebound Manhattan to the tune of 49-25 was senior forward Bernard Allen, who pulled down 16 boards while pouring in 14 points.

Senior forward Peter Mulligan led the Jaspers with 23 points.

"I don't care what anyone says; this is a good Manhattan team, and for us to get this win is great," said Loyola head coach Jimmy Patsos. "We had an emotional talk before the game, and I told them that nothing is permanent. Who said Manhattan had to be better than us? I think we played like we knew we could win."

On Thursday night, the Hounds fell to the Fairfield Stags 56-35 in the first of two meetings between the MAAC opponents in the

season's final three weeks.

The 35-point output, which was precipitated by Patsos's squad shooting 26 percent from the floor, was the lowest scoring total for Loyola's men's basketball team since 1950.

Fairfield's win showcased standout Deng Gai, a 6-9 center from the Sudan and the leading shot-blocker in the nation. Gai earned his first career triple-double on the strength of 19 points, 11 rebounds and 10 blocks in one of the most impressive individual performances the Hounds have seen all year.

"The gameplan was to attack the basket, go after [Gai] and try to get him in foul trouble," Patsos said.

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Hounds fall to Manhattan and Canisius last week

BY BRADY FITZGERALD
STAFF WRITER

In the first leg of Sunday's Super Bowl doubleheader at Reitz Arena, the Loyola's women's basketball team fell to the Canisius Golden Griffins 77-74 in a MAAC matchup. The Greyhounds had entered the game on a three-game losing streak and slipped to 6-6 in the MAAC and 7-14 overall.

In a first half that saw Canisius jump out to a quick 17-11 lead before Loyola responded with an 11-0 run of their own, the Golden Griffins shot 53.3 percent from the field and took a 40-35 lead into the locker room at halftime.

The Greyhounds battled back in the second half, shooting 57 percent from the floor. On the strength of a lay-up from sophomore guard Brittany Dunn, the Hounds went up 70-69 with 1:13 remaining.

Sophomore guard Jill Glessner hit a jumper with 37 seconds to go to give Loyola hope, down 74-72, but Canisius hit their foul shots down the stretch to seal the win.

The Golden Griffins', shooting 5-9 from three-point range, proved to be a difference maker, while the Hounds were just 1-1 from beyond the arc.

Junior Katie Scherle led all scorers with 20 points and added 11 rebounds. Junior forward Jackie Valderas pitched in with 14 points and eight rebounds. The Golden Griffins were led by guard Becky Zak who scored 18 points.

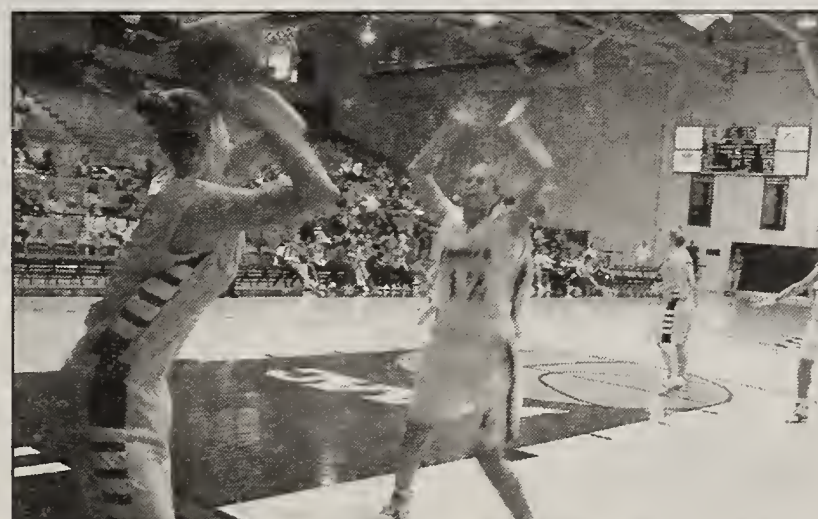
The win marked the third straight for Canisius, who improved to 13-8 overall and 9-3 in conference play.

Three days earlier, the Greyhounds traveled to Riverdale, N.Y. to take on Manhattan, where they were hungry to end their then two-game losing streak.

The first half was all Manhattan as the Jaspers opened up to an early 21-6 lead. The Greyhounds scored the last three points of the half but still found themselves in a deep hole, down 30-19. The Greyhounds shot only 26.9 percent

from the field in the first half.

Early in the second half the Greyhounds were able to cut the Jaspers lead to seven, but Manhattan proved to be too much. The Jaspers went on a 7-0 run to open the lead to 39-25.



CHRISTINA SANTUCCI/GREYHOUND

Junior Jackie Valderas guards an inbounds pass against Canisius last Sunday at Reitz Arena.

Despite a late 8-0 run by the Greyhounds, Manhattan won the game 55-49.

Junior Katie Scherle led all scorers with 20 points, going 9-13 from the field. Junior guard Krystle Harrington scored nine points to go along with a game-high six assists. Sophomore Brittany Dunn registered seven points and six steals. The Jaspers were led by guard Joann Nwafili, who scored 11 points and led all players with eight rebounds.

"We played real hard, but we just couldn't get it together," Scherle said. "We didn't play well overall especially on defense. We were giving [Manhattan] too many open looks. We really have to work on our defense if we want to be successful."

The Greyhounds return to action Wednesday at St. Peters. The team returns to Reitz Arena Saturday against Marist.

LC set for Iona, Siena

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"I don't understand it because we went after [Niagara center Juan] Mendez, but Gai blocked some shots early, and we played scared."

Getting off to a quick start, the Greyhounds pulled ahead on a three-pointer by Stanback, but the 5-4 Loyola lead would prove to be the last of the night. Gai responded with two quick dunks, including an impressive alley-oop, and then poured in a three-ball of his own. Senior guard Tyquavn Goode finished the Stag run with a three-pointer of his own, making the score 14-5 with 14:40 remaining in the first half.

After playing tight, pressure defense for the first five minutes, both teams sagged into a zone for much of the first half, slowing

down the pace of the game. Loyola went into the locker room trailing 32-15.

The second half was more of the same, however, as Gai again asserted himself under the basket, causing Loyola players to adjust their shots en route to shooting 8-31 from the floor in the second half.

Gai, who is the cousin of Chicago Bulls' rookie Luol Deng, was pleased with his performance.

"Getting my first triple-double tonight, and getting the win, it is very exciting for me," he said.

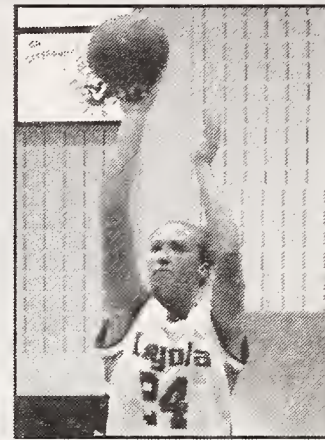
The Hounds will travel to Siena Thursday to take on the Saints before returning to Reitz to host Iona on Saturday. Siena is 10th in the MAAC with a league record of 2-9, while Iona is tied for fifth at 5-6.



ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Loyola fans celebrated after Charlie Bell hit a three-pointer at the buzzer, giving Loyola a 12-point lead over Manhattan on Sunday.

GREYHOUND ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



FILE PHOTO

Junior
Katie Scherle

During the past three weeks, junior Katie Scherle has elevated her game, positioning herself to be placed on one of the All-MAAC teams. This past week Scherle put up back-to-back 20-point games, posting a double-double, 20 points and 11 rebounds in last Sunday's loss to Niagara.

The previous game against Manhattan saw all of the Greyhounds struggle on the offensive end, scoring only 49 points in a six-point loss to the Manhattan Jaspers. Scherle was the bright spot for the Hounds, and she almost single-handedly kept the game close, scoring 20 points on nine for 13 shooting from the field.

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Eagles bear question: How much time's left?

By CHARLES BRICKER
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS (KRT)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. -- Oh, the wasted time. Oh, the wasted opportunity in the final minutes of this fascinating Super Bowl. How much more dangerous the Philadelphia Eagles could have been if they had a no-huddle offense.

Instead, quarterback Donovan McNabb must have lost at least two crucial minutes down the gripping stretch of this 24-21 New England triumph, convening his teammates for much too long in order to call plays.

He rallied his team back to within three points, but when the ball finally came back into his hands for one final desperate rally, there were only 46 seconds left and the Eagles were about 60 yards from an attempt at a tying field goal.

As bravely as McNabb performed in this tactically fascinating match, this final drive was too much against a defense as disciplined as New England's, and it ended when his 51st pass deflected off tight end L.J. Smith and into the gloved hands of strong safety Rodney Harrison.

A no-huddle offense would not have guaranteed anything. But in a game in which coaches on both sides did a brilliant job of putting their best players in position to maximize their skills, the Eagles' failure to conserve time in the fourth quarter will go down as the greatest mystery in this game.

Coaches coach and players play. It's one of the bromides of football, and for most of this game it was hard to remember a Super Bowl in which the coaching staffs of both clubs did such a superb job of playing football chess.

All credit goes to New England quarterback Tom Brady for making the right

audible calls, delivering two touchdown passes and not throwing an interception. All credit goes to receiver Deion Branch, who tied a Super Bowl record with 11 receptions. Even more credit goes to McNabb, who snapped off two of the most scintillating short TD throws you'll see in any game. And there was receiver Terrell Owens coming back from a serious injury for a 100-yard contribution.

But this was, in large part, a coach's game. It was Bill Belichick of the Patriots and his defensive coordinator. Romeo Crennel, punching and counterpunching Andy Reid, who calls Philadelphia's offensive plays.

The Patriots caught the Eagles off guard at the beginning with a four-man line instead of their usual three-man line, but with two defensive linemen and two linebackers along the front.

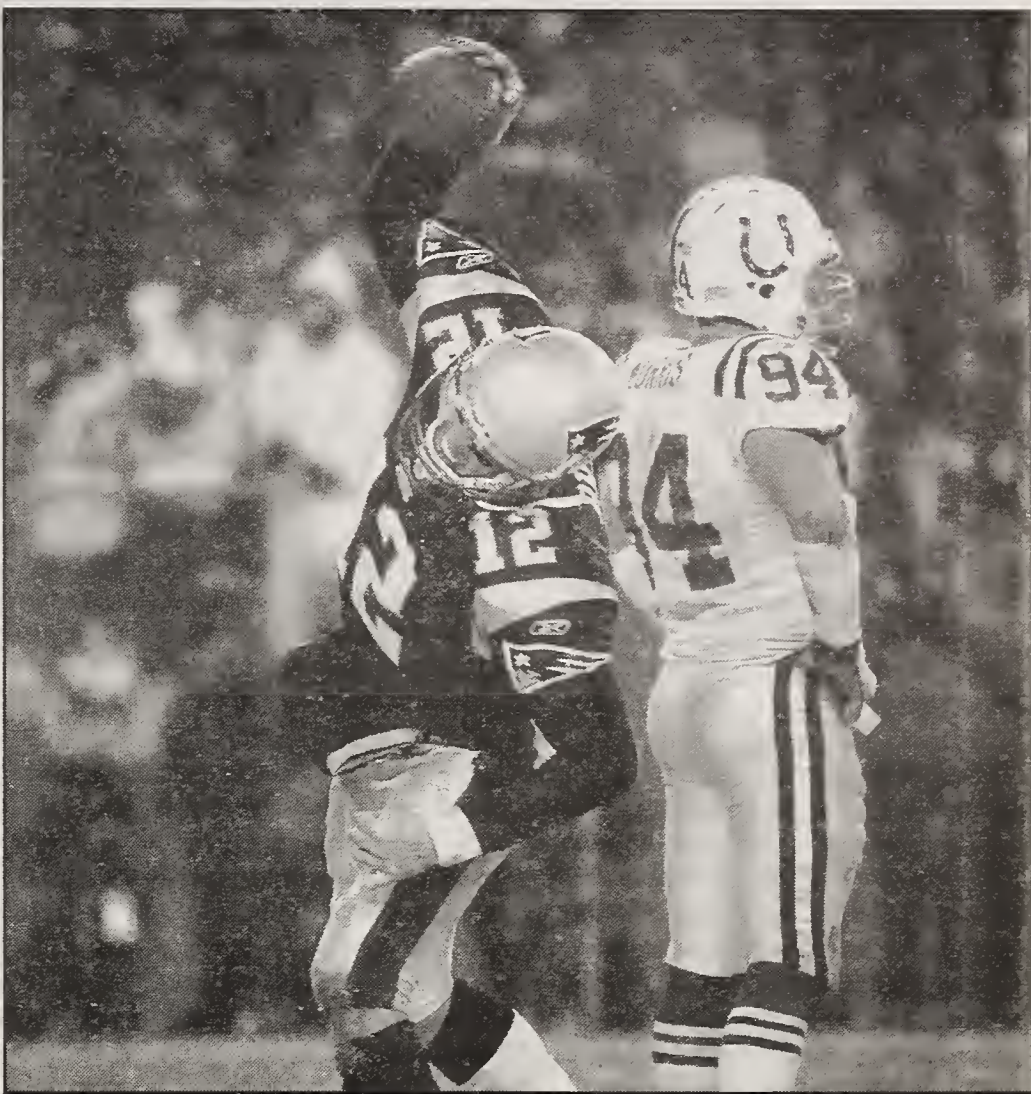
With two big men and five linebackers, the Patriots were able to put more speed and pass rush on the field and they sacked McNabb four times.

The Eagles solved that problem by matching up running back Brian Westbrook, as a receiver, against those linebackers and by having McNabb throw off shorter drops.

On defense, Philadelphia blitzed and blitzed and blitzed on first-down running situations as well as third-down passing situations. It wasn't until midway through the second quarter that Brady and his offensive coordinator, Charlie Weis, found a solution.

It started with a couple of fast-developing screen passes to running back Corey Dillon, right over the area vacated by Philly's No. 1 pass rusher, Jevon Kearse.

And when the Eagles backed off the blitz to flood the passing zones, New England gave the ball to Dillon, who finally erupted



Tom Brady spikes the ball after scoring a touchdown against the Colts in the AFC Championship game. They went on to beat the Eagles for their third title in four years.

with a great run.

On first-and-10 at the Eagles 32 and trailing 7-0 in the second quarter, Dillon started left on a classic Patriots stretch play. It was congested, but he didn't force anything. Instead, he found a wide gap back to his right and cut it back there, rolling 25 yards to the Eagles 7.

New England did not convert that drive because Brady foolishly had both hands on the ball on a play-action fake and it fumbled off Kevin Faulk's hip. But from that point on, Weis seemed to have a solid feel for what the Eagles were doing and Brady was in a better position to convert Weis' calls.

There were dozens of coaching wrinkles in this game, from the varied formations to personnel moves. The Eagles went after rookie right corner Randall Gay in the second half, and McNabb's success throwing at him kept his team in the fray.

Weis, meanwhile, did a fabulous job of shuttling Dillon and Faulk in and out of the game. Dillon got 75 yards on 18 carries, but Faulk was even more efficient, rushing for 38 yards on eight carries and both backs ran Weis' screen passes efficiently.

At the goal line, Weis sent in linebacker Mike Vrabel as a tight end and he looked like an experienced offensive player in avoiding Kearse's chuck to get open for a 2-yard TD catch.

On Dillon's 2-yard TD run that made it 21-14, reserve guard Mike Hochstein, a

starter in last year's Super Bowl, lined up as a fullback and made the key block on free safety Brian Dawkins. No club uses its players in more varied roles than the Patriots, and it's not gimmicky.

There were those who thought the Pats would win this game comfortably, and it looked as if they would after Adam Vinatieri made it 24-14 with 8:40 to play in the fourth quarter.

The Eagles, however, rallied back behind smart play calling and superior execution by McNabb, Westbrook and Owens.

But those final two drives, beginning with 5:40 to play ... that's where Reid, as well as he coached this game, fell down.

You can remember this game in many ways -- as the official establishment of the New England dynasty or as a courageous effort by the Eagles. Or both.


Unfortunately for the Eagles, what many will remember is watching McNabb taking 15 to 20 seconds in a huddle, sometimes longer, to get a play called when Philadelphia should have been calling plays at the line, saving time and making the Patriots play more quickly on defense.

McNabb had a chance to do something spectacular in this game, fashioning one of those final drives that recall the greatness of Joe Montana in Super Bowl XXIII.

But this time the Eagles' coaches didn't put him in position to maximize his ability. He ran out of time, and the sad thing is it didn't have to be that way.



Phil Sears/Knight Ridder Newspapers
Jim Hofmann, a Philadelphia Eagles fan from Delaware, climbs a light pole to join in on an Eagles chant, as thousands jam the Jacksonville Landing on Saturday, February 5, 2005.



Men's Basketball

Team	MAAC				Overall			
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	Streak
Rider	9	2	.818	-	13	7	.650	Won 4
Niagara	9	3	.750	.5	14	6	.700	Won 5
Fairfield	8	3	.727	1	11	9	.550	Won 1
Marist	7	4	.636	2	10	10	.500	Lost 3
Canisius	5	6	.455	4	7	13	.350	Won 2
Iona	5	6	.455	4	9	12	.429	Won 1
Manhattan	5	8	.385	5	10	11	.476	Lost 3
St. Peter's	4	7	.364	5	9	11	.450	Lost 1
LOYOLA	3	9	.250	6.5	4	17	.190	Won 1
Siena	2	9	.182	7	4	18	.182	Lost 1

Women's Basketball

Team	MAAC				Overall			
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	Streak
Marist	9	3	.750	-	15	6	.714	Won 9
Canisius	8	3	.727	.5	12	8	.600	Won 3
Siena	7	4	.636	1.5	10	10	.500	Won 1
Niagara	7	5	.571	2	12	9	.571	Lost 3
LOYOLA	6	5	.545	2.5	7	13	.350	Lost 4
Manhattan	5	6	.455	3.5	9	11	.450	Lost 1
Rider	5	6	.455	3.5	7	13	.350	Won 2
Fairfield	5	7	.417	4	7	14	.333	Lost 2
St. Peter's	4	8	.333	5	8	13	.381	Lost 1
Iona	1	10	.091	7.5	3	17	.150	Won 1

The Guz looks back at half of an NBA season

With the Super Bowl over and the excitement of football gone until next fall (with the exception of Jon Bon Jovi's arena league team, of course) it's time to talk about

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all things NBA. We're past the midway point of a season that is shaping up to be very interesting. Many people say that the NBA lacks excitement, but this season has been the antithesis to that statement.

As usual, the Western Conference is showing its dominance with some of the usual suspects: San Antonio, Dallas and Sacramento are all on their way to another playoff year. Two big surprise teams emerged in the West in the last few months, however, in Seattle and Phoenix. The Sonics lack big-time stardom with the exception of Jesus Shuttlesworth, but have rolled through the first half of the season. Minnesota has been a letdown thus far, but things could get interesting in the race for the division between these two teams if Kevin Garnett can step his game up.

Steve Nash, one of the two biggest off-season acquisitions in the NBA last summer, has pumped life into Phoenix as they are on pace for more than 60 wins. Nash is obviously the MVP of the first half, averaging a solid 15 points and 11 assists per game. But what isn't on a stat sheet is that he makes every single player on that team look like a hall of famer with the up-tempo game he plays. Last year, the Suns had 29 wins. They got win number 29 on Jan. 8 this year. 'Nuff said.

The Big Aristotle going to Miami was the other huge (literally) off-season move, and it has benefited the Heat quite nicely. Not only are Shaquille and Miami beating up on everyone in the Eastern Conference, but with the fallout the Pistons and Pacers suffered from Ron Artest's meltdown, they

look to be head and shoulders above all the competition in the East. I can't see them losing a playoff series to anyone until the finals. Who's going to challenge them? The Magic? The Celtics? Maybe Detroit could give them a run for their money. After all, they did shut Shaq down last year, but Dwayne Wade gives Miami what the Lakers were missing last year: a talented, young guard who can put points up ... and can pass on a shot. Barring a Pistons surge, Miami should be a lock for the finals.

If the NBA were a sitcom family, the Eastern Conference's Atlantic Division would be the sibling who isn't really paid attention to -- you know, the kid who never has the episode centered on their life and is just around to fill time with corny jokes or a temporary distraction from the main plot. Though these have always been classic characters, Morgan from "Boy Meets World," Judy from "Family Matters," they have never mattered much in the long run. Enter the Atlantic Division.

None of the teams in the division are over .500, but they all are still within sight of first place. Perhaps this parity will create some excitement down the stretch, much like football's NFC did this season, but after the regular season ends, it will be tough for any of these teams to win a playoff series. They are all mediocre at best.

Two surprises in the East have been the scrappy play of Chicago and Washington. The Bulls have been 13-4 since the new year began and have completely turned their season around. The Wiz have done what any other Eastern Conference team can do -- they beat the bad teams and sometimes give quality teams a game. They have hung around and should make the playoffs, and then, you never know, could make noise.

Aren't you impressed that I went this far in my column without mentioning LeBron? Well he is putting up astonishing averages (25 points, seven rebounds, seven assists per game) and not missing a step since donning his mask.

(However, one drawback of him playing well is that it always makes me feel like a failure. When I watch "Sportscenter" and

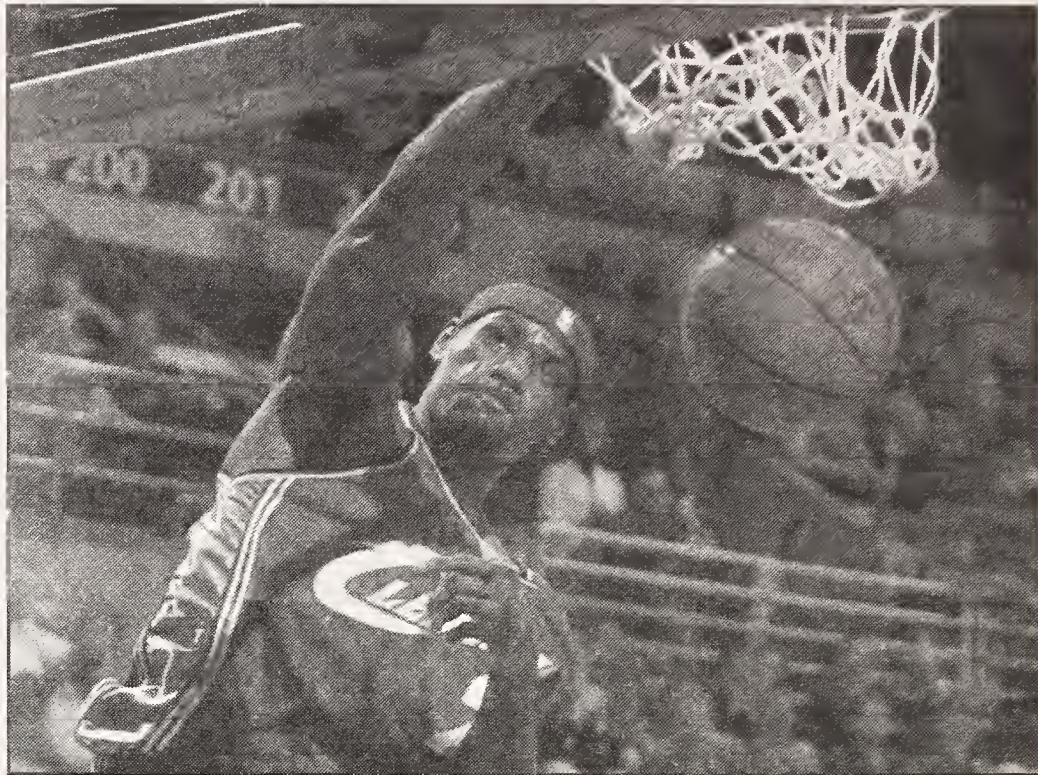


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LeBron James, heralded as the savior for a floundering NBA when he came into the league last season, has been better than advertised. And he's from Cleveland. Did you expect a picture of anyone else?

they show his highlights, Stuart Scott usually adds in something like, "The 20-year-old had yet another triple double." Then I think for a second how I am nine months older than him and still don't have any endorsement deals. He had a triple-double, and what did I do today? Hung around Boulder continuously repeating my favorite "Seinfeld" quotes? It just causes a man to reflect. But I digress.)

If he can turn his game up one more notch (to 11), then he might be a contender for MVP, assuming Nash slips up. The Cavaliers have been playing well and should make the playoffs (it's tough for me to type that sentence without using all CAPS). Though they look to be a few players away from a championship-caliber team, they are another club that could cause some headaches come playoff time.

The East looks like it will be in such a mediocre condition by the end of the season that it could be a case where the hottest team in April will go to the Eastern Conference finals against the Heat. Not

much separates Cleveland, Detroit, Washington and Orlando.

To pick a champion right now wouldn't be too tough. Miami should win the East, and though Phoenix is rolling, San Antonio should win the West and then the finals. They are a team stacked with talent and experience, and they can do one thing that many other Western Conference teams fail to do every year in the playoffs--play defense. Man, I miss Vinny Del Negro. With the L.A. dynasty closed out, the Spurs just have to keep playing the way they have the last five seasons or so to cruise into the finals.

I know, I know, no one cares about the NBA until the regular season ends. Listen, the Lakers aren't that good anymore, there are no distracting court trials to deal with and Ron Artest hasn't beaten anyone up lately. If the finals do come down to Miami and San Antonio, we can look forward to another great series with the Spurs trying to shut down the Diesel and Bill Walton trying to pronounce Ginobili correctly.

Flowers and baseballs, chocolates and hot dogs

Well it's no surprise sports fans, but it's now February (the black hole in the world of sports) and love is in the air. I figured what better time to step back from my constant rants about the poor state of things

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these days and look at the positive side. That's right, Valentine's Day is right around the corner and what better to discuss than the great passion that lives at the heart of every sports enthusiast.

As I sit here thinking of these strong, sometimes obsessive feelings, I look up at the great poster of Brooke Burke on my wall and right beside it my March Madness Bracketologies and predictions from Dicky V. and Andy Katz. I can't help but think to myself, "This is the life. How does it get any better than this?"

Unfortunately, I do not have Brooke to wake up next to or courtside seats with Vitale, but I do have ESPN and E!, and I know that this feeling towards sports is truly special for so many reasons.

The feeling of watching a Brady touchdown pass in the Super Bowl or a Ronaldo header going to the upper corner of the net in the 90th minute of the World

Cup finals is chilling. The pure joy of knowing that your team has a crucial game tonight and skipping out on the term paper to watch every second of it without blinking is what love is all about.

Even on the field -- striking out a clean-up hitter with a nasty curveball or pulling up to stick a three-ball in someone's eye just gives your heart that extra beat and makes you want to do it again. That's love.

This love is a little different than one that you might catch a delicious bass for or maybe sketch a picture of your love and her upper lip for a few hours. This love is forever. No diamonds, no vows, no anniversaries. All you need is a remote, a ticket stub, an autograph or a memory, and you have the potential to love.

You know that sports has a special place in your heart when you can see your rival on television making a great play and still get that feeling of excitement. It's like seeing an ex-girlfriend across the dance floor and wondering if just maybe you made a mistake. Even if the feeling lasts for just two seconds before you come back to your senses, it means something.

I find myself in a similar position with Nike's new commercial with the freaky warrior masks. I first saw that ad and my heart was racing because it was so amazing. Then the second time I saw it (and then about 400 times since), I noticed that I despise not one, not two, but three of the

stars in that commercial.

Nike has the nerve to put Yankee closer Mariano Rivera, Cardinals slugger Albert Pujols and Steelers rookie QB Ben Roethlisberger all in the same ad? What is a New Englander supposed to do? Apparently hate those three as players but applaud them for being in such an incredible commercial.

Valentine's Day is all about finding that one person that you care about, the one that you want to spend time with, and show them how you feel. Sometimes people show their love with a gift or dinner. Well for all of you in love with sports fans, do us this: Let us love sports.

To love a lover of sports, you must realize that you can't compete; you can only team up and pretend. Clearing out a couple of hours to watch a playoff game with us is fine. Tickets to that game would be better, but not everyone is a miracle worker.

This is not, I repeat, not to say that we don't care about you, but when you try to stack up against a Super Bowl Sunday with buffalo wings and chips against Cinema Night Sunday with *Waiting to Exhale* and tissues, there's really no comparison.

Here are a few safety hints if you have a relationship with a sports fan. This is the process that us adorers of athletics go through when loving another. We start Valentine's Day off simply with chocolates. From you, we expect Ballpark Franks, a

simple sports equation. Chocolate is the love of women; hot dogs are our food of choice. Backup food would be hot wings. Next we buy you a bouquet of flowers (maybe a dozen roses), and from you we hope to sit through one full hour of "SportsCenter" with us during "The Bachelorette" without any complaints. This fairly painless exercise definitely carries some weight.

Then that night we will take you out to a nice dinner, maybe candlelight if our team won that day. You must realize that this is a difficult task for us. So in return we expect March Madness tickets, and I think it's well-deserved -- Final Four if we wear a suit.

Lastly comes the whole enchilada: the diamond. Yep, probably the most frightening, nerve-racking moment of our natural lives is pulling the diamond ring out. This takes great strength from us, and we obviously need to consult others about the decision because we have no idea what makes this jewelry good. Same goes with your gift, which may take some research: our close buddies always know the way to our hearts. Something along the lines of a Hank Aaron autographed rookie card or record-setting ball. That gift lasts forever; just like your dearest diamonds.

And at the end of the night, after all of the gifts given and received, we'll cap it off with what Hammerin' Hank was known for ... home runs.

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